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Dear Dr. Ma:

We thank the referees for their careful reading of our manuscript and for giving us useful comments. We have revised our manuscript in response to the Referees' comments.

Our responses to the referees' comments are as follows:

(1) Reviewer's comment: The bacterial septicemia is probably responsible for systemic organ failure and death. Blood biochemistry data (e.g., aminotransferases showing liver failure and etc.) will be helpful to prove that.

Response: We thank the Reviewer for this pertinent comment, and we have added the following text (p. 4, lines 17-20/p. 8, lines 12-14).

His blood chemistry data showed kidney and liver dysfunction, with a creatinine level of 2.6 mg/dL, alanine aminotransferase level of 77 IU/L, and aspartate aminotransferase level of 76 IU/L.

(2) Editor's comment 1: Please provide language certificate letter by professional English language editing companies.

Editor's comment 2: As for Author contributions. Family name should be put first in full, followed by middle names and first name in abbreviation with first letter in capital.

Editor's comment 3: As for the next paragraph of Core tip. Please provide all authors abbreviation names and manuscript title here.

Editor's comment 4: As for the Peer review. Please summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the article based on the reviewers' comments so that readers can obtain objective knowledge from the article.

Editor's comment 5: As for the Figure1 and Figure2. Please provide the clean figures without A, B, C or D on it.

Response: We have provided a language certificate letter as requested and have changed our manuscript in accordance with the above comments:

(comment 2) p. 1, lines 19-23. (comment 3) p. 3, lines 11-13. (comment 4) p. 10, lines 3-7.

As for the Figure1 and Figure2, we removed "A, B, C or D" on the figures.

The references and typesetting were corrected.

We look forward to publication of our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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