

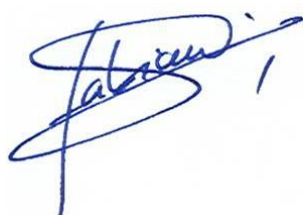
Le Zhang  
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Dear Dr. Zhang,

The manuscript entitled "*Red blood cell distribution width: A marker of anisocytosis potentially associated with atrial fibrillation*" [Manuscript NO.: 47429] is resubmitted for publication in *World Journal of Cardiology*.

On behalf of all authors, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Reviewers' comments on our manuscript. We found these comments most helpful in improving the manuscript. We have addressed each of the Reviewers' concerns and have summarized our response in the following point-to-point list of answers to the comments. All changes to the original submission are highlighted throughout the manuscript.

Yours sincerely,



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## ANSWERS TO REVIEWERS

Resubmission of the manuscript NO.: 47429

### Reviewer 1

This review describes the association between red blood cell distribution and atrial fibrillation incidence. The paper is well written giving all the available data from the literature. My only comment refers to the paragraph of references where some of the names of the authors are written twice.

**ANSWER:** We thank the reviewer for his/her positive comments. We have fixed the references section mistakes.

### Reviewer 2

Remove parenthesis from title and add width in it.

**ANSWER:** Done

Author repeated the observation in main text though he/she has provided same tables must be avoided.

**ANSWER:** We thank the reviewer for his/her comment. However, in our opinion, the table 1 is useful since it is like a snapshot/summary of the studies included in the review.

Review must be made up to date.

**ANSWER:** Done.

Conclusion paragraph is meaningless must be removed and the conclusion from abstract may be placed in the same place. Author says "not only a predictive factor and a marker of AF, but its measurement may also be helpful for predicting the risk of developing many adverse complications in patients with AF, such as recurrence and duration of AF, hospitalization for heart failure, bleeding, left atrial thrombosis and stasis, thromboembolic events and mortality", I would suggest the author must provide support

literature support for these findings. For example, the degree of anisocytosis atrial fibrillation, heart failure and etc...Tabular form is must. Author must provide strength of association of each.

**ANSWER:** Thanks for this comment. We have pointed out these items throughout the manuscript. Moreover, the sentence indicates possibility ('...may be...') and we are arguing/speculating about the potential use of RDW.

### Reviewer 3

This is an excellent review about the relation of red cell distribution width to AF risk. This manuscript is nicely structured and well written. I have no question about this manuscript.

**ANSWER:** We thank the reviewer for his/her positive comments.

The manuscript has been refined, and a native speaker familiar with scientific English has reviewed and carefully edited the entire document. In addition, we have reorganized the manuscript according to the reviewer's recommendations.

Again, all co-authors are grateful for the helpful and constructive criticisms. We hope that the quality of the manuscript has now reached the standards required to be accepted for publication in *Frontiers in Physiology*.