

Response to Review Comments

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Dear Prof. Ghosh and Prof. Tarnawski,

We are very much thankful to the reviewers for their complete and thorough review.

We have revised the manuscript in light of their useful suggestions and comments.

Number-wise answers to the specific comments/suggestions/queries are as follows.

Reviewer #1:

1) *I have only got minor language corrections: In the Materials and Methods section first sentence Institutional Review Board is misspelled.*

Response: This sentence has been revised as follows: “This prospective study was approved by the **Institutional Review Board** of West China Hospital (Identifier, 2014-234).”.

2) *Two sentences below "were eligible fo8r inclusion".*

Response: This sentence has been revised as follows: “...were eligible **for** inclusion.”.