

Dear Editor, World Journal of Cardiology

We appreciate your interest in our manuscript. We also thank the reviewer and editor for a thorough review of our manuscript. We have addressed all concerns mentioned in the revised manuscript. It is to our belief that our manuscript is improved after making the suggested changes. Below is a response to the reviewer's and editor's concerns. Finally, thank you for allowing us to revise our manuscript.

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## Reviewer 1

Comment 1: The predictors of in-hospital mortality in patients without DM were not shown. I'm wondering there was a differences in the predictors between patients with and without DM.

Response: We agree with the reviewer and have adjusted the revised manuscript. We have included a table of the predictors of mortality in patients with native valve infective endocarditis without diabetes mellitus. The table can be found in the supplementary file (table 2)

Comment 2: In the last section of "Discussion", the authors mentioned both the strength and limitation of this study. The strength should be cited at the initial part of Discussion to accentuate the significance of this study.

Response: We agree with the reviewer and have adjusted the revised manuscript. We have included the strengths of the study in the first paragraph of the manuscript.

Science editor

Comment: The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

Response: We have provided an author contributions statement

Comment 1: The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Response: We have provided pictures in a PowerPoint format

Comment 2: PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;

Response 3: We have provided PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please note there was no DOI available for reference 13, 15 and 21.

Comment 4: The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text; and

Response: We have provided the Article Highlights

Comment 5: The reference’s number cited in the text should be put in the square bracket, then be superscript.

Response: We have adjusted our reference format.