

RE: Response to the Decision Letter

30/11/2020

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the reviewers for their constructive comments. In the revised version submitted, every effort has been made to answer the queries raised by the reviewers, and the details thereof are listed below.

It is the belief of the authors that with the modifications to the manuscript as suggested by the reviewers, this is a paper suitable for possible publication, and the authors are grateful for the opportunity to submit for reconsideration.

Yours faithfully,

Fausto Petrelli

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The author gave a review about tocilizumab as treatment for COVID-19 with the systematic review and meta-analysis. The treatment of COVID-19 is the hotspot which makes it easy to read with the data and meta-analysis. Therefore, the treatment of COVID-19 and tocilizumab should be talk about more. But as we all know the MedRxiv is a preprint server, it should carefully be considered if including the articles on it. **We recognize limitations of the papers included from MedRxiv database, however only 4 studies included in the meta-analysis were still in this repository.**

4 LANGUAGE QUALITY

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs. **We provided english grammar revision (certificate attached).**

5 EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

- (1) **Science editor:** 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a systematic review of the tocilizumab as treatment for COVID-19. The topic is within the scope of the WJM. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The author gave a review about tocilizumab as treatment for COVID-19 with the systematic review and meta-analysis. The treatment of COVID-19 is the hotspot which makes it easy to read with the data and meta-analysis. Therefore, the treatment of COVID-19 and tocilizumab should be talk about more. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; and (3) Format: There are 3 tables and 2 figures. A total of 10

references are cited, including 9 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJM. 5 Issues raised: (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; (2) 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; (3) 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; (4) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text; and (5) Please provide the all authors' ORCIDs, and fill them into the submission system. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

We have provided all changes requested.

(2) Editorial office director: I have checked and revised the comments written by the science editor.

(3) Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Methodology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.