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**Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma
Science Editor
World Journal of Clinical Cases**

Dear Professor Ma,

Re: Manuscript No. 61441 titled “Systematic review and Meta-analysis of the impact of deviations from a clinical pathway on outcomes following Pancreatoduodenectomy - Implications for the perioperative management of pancreatic cancers”

Thank you for conditionally accepting our Invited manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

We have addressed the comments of the Science Editor and Company Editor-in-Chief below.

Kind regards,

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Answers to Reviewers

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a systematic reviews of the impact of deviations from a clinical pathway on outcomes following pancreatoduodenectomy - Implications for the perioperative management of pancreatic cancers. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is well written, but the content is sort of concise, outmoded, as a full-length article. Maybe it will be more well in the type of LETTER; and (3) Format: There are 2 tables and 3 figures. A total of 42 references are cited, including 17 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, and PRISMA 2009 Checklist. The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: 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. 6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Reply: We thank the Science Editor for their comments. We have provided the original figures and tables as separate files, as requested. We have also attached the signed Conflict of Interest disclosure form and Copyright licence agreement

(2) Editorial office director:

(3) Company editor-in-chief: The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words). I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Reply: We accept the decision of the Company Editor-in-Chief to transfer our manuscript for publication to the World Journal of Clinical Cases. We have also shortened the title to 17 words.