

## **Response to the Reviewer:**

### **Reviewer #1**

**This is an interesting meta-analysis for patients undergoing intracoronary brachytherapy for recurrent drug eluting stent in-stent restenosis (DES-ISR). The authors have evaluated the procedural success, target lesion revascularization (TLR), incidence of myocardial infarction (MI) and all-cause mortality at 1- and 2-years follow-up. This manuscript is nicely structured and well written. I have no question about this manuscript.**

**Response:** Thank you for the positive comments on our article.

**(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a meta-analysis of the intracoronary brachytherapy. The topic is within the scope of the WJC. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: In general, this article bears significance and innovation. However, there are some issues should be addressed. The heterogeneity analysis needs to be added. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; and**

**Response:** We have explained above why we were not able to add heterogeneity study. If absolutely required, we will be more than happy to add this in our analysis.

**(3) Format: There is 1 table and 3 figures. A total of 17 references are cited, including 8 references published in the last 3 years. There are 2 self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, and PRISMA 2009 Checklist. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The study was supported by Clinical and Translational Science Award. The topic has not previously been published in the WJC. The corresponding author has published 1 article in the BPG.**

**Response:** This study was supported by Clinical and Translational Science Award, however, the grant ends on Jan 1 and we can no longer keep this grant in this study. Therefore, we will be removing this from the study.

**5 Issues raised: (1) I found no “Author contribution” section. Please provide the author contributions.**

**Response:** We have added author contribution section in this revised version.

**(2) I found the authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);**

**Response:** Because we are no longer supposed to show our grant support after Jan 2021, we will be removing this from the main manuscript.

(3) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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 generated this Figures using R software as mentioned in our method section. These figures are not editable but they are resizable. We have provided our figures in the PowerPoint format and it can be easily resized.

**(4) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI 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:** We have edited our references as recommended.

**(5) I found the authors did not write the “article highlight” section. Please write the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text;**

**Response:** We have added article highlight in this revised version of this manuscript.

**(6) the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author’s name, with no spaces.**

**Response:** We have changed reference style as recommended.

6 Re-Review: Required. 7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

***Company editor-in-chief* 5. For a better understanding of background and discussion, please cite the following literature in appropriate sites throughout the manuscript and marked them in red. PMID: Cardiovascular diseases: 27815596, 31788341, 32765957, In-stent restenosis: 32887588, 30691501 drug eluting stent: 33267863 myocardial ischemia:31409409**

**Response:** We spoke to the journal manager and recommended that we do not cite any of the article mentioned above in our revised version. We had a hard time adding recommended references as they are not closely related to our article. We really appreciate help from the journal manager.