

Dear Editor:

We thank the reviewer's and editors' insightful comment. We have addressed all concerns in the revised manuscript. We are extremely pleased and grateful that we were encouraged to revise the work. Please find a revised electronic copy of the current manuscript attached. All authors have read and approved of the contents of this submission. We hope that our work now meets the standards of *World Journal of Psychiatry* and is suitable for publication.

Please contact us directly should additional clarification be required. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Response to Company Editor-In-Chief:

Comment#1: 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 Psychiatry, 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.

Reply: We appreciate your positive comment. Please find our responses to the reviewers' and editorial office's comments below.

Response to Science Editor:

We appreciate your positive comment. Please find our responses to your comment below.

Comment#1: Scientific quality: The manuscript is an observational study on subgrouping Time-Dependent Prescribing Patterns of First-Onset Major Depression Episodes by Psychotropics Dissection. The topic is within the scope of the WJP. (1) Classification: Grade A, Grade B (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: this paper is well written and has vital clinical application. (3) Format: There is 1 figure and 2 tables; (4) References: A total of 31 references are cited, with 2 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 2 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e. those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the

peer reviewer's ID number to editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

Reply: We appreciate reviewers' positive comments. In terms of the self-citation, we have 2 self-cited references. Because these two references and the present study are a series of work, it is necessary to refer to these two previous works of ours. In addition, the number of self-cited also conforms to less than 10%.

Comment#2: Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A, Grade A. A certificate from Editage was issued.

Reply: Thank you for this positive comment.

Comment#3: Academic norms and rules: Authors provided Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate. No academic misconduct was found in the Google/Bing search.

Reply: Thank you for your confirmation.

Comment#4: Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJP.

Reply: Thank you for your confirmation.

Comment#5: Issues raised: (1) Core-tip audio is missing; (2) Please update manuscript format per journal guidelines; (3) Please provide Copyright License Agreement and *Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form.

Reply: Thank you for your reminders. We have uploaded Core-tip audio and updated the manuscript format as per journal guidelines, including adding the **HIGHLIGHT** section. In terms of Copyright License Agreement (CLA), except for Dr. Mong-Liang Lu, who did not received the link to sign the Copyright License Agreement (CLA), all the other authors have signed the online version of CLA. We have tried several times to contact the editorial office for asking re-sending CLA link to Dr. Lu, but we did not receive response yet. In order to make a timely completion of CLA and resubmission, Dr. Lu has provided handwritten signature on a hardcopy of CLA. Accordingly, we submitted this copy of CLA in the submission system. We hope this solution acceptable. Meanwhile, we also completed and submitted the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form. Finally, there is a typo in the paper title. Thus, we have also corrected it. The title now reads as " Subgrouping Time-Dependent Prescribing Patterns of First-Onset Major *Depressive* Episodes by Psychotropics Dissection".

Comment#6: Re-Review: Not required.

Reply: We have modified our manuscript as per your comments. We hope the revised manuscript now meet the high standard of your prestigious journal.

Comment#7: Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Reply: Thank you for your positive comment.