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To the Editorial Board
World Journal of Stem Cells

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to resubmit to the attention of the editorial board of *World Journal of Stem Cells*, the manuscript entitled **“Pancreatic transplant surgery and stem cell therapy: finding the balance between therapeutic advances and ethical principles”** by Martina Padovano, Matteo Scopetti, Federico Manetti, Donato Morena, Davide Radaelli, Stefano D’Errico, Nicola Di Fazio, Paola Frati, and Vittorio Fineschi.

We thank the Editor and the reviewers for the precious and kind suggestions. We performed all the requested changes. The manuscript has been modified, all changes are reported in red in the manuscript, and below you can find a brief summary.

In detail:

Reviewer 1

This opinion review aims to strike a fair, ethical balance between the therapeutic benefits of pancreatic transplant surgery and stem cell therapy and their ethical implications. The authors address ethical concerns regarding pancreatic transplantation and stem cell therapy. The article’s interrogation is legitimate and reasonable; it delves deeply into not only medical but also ethical issues, and makes recommendations for organ transplantation and stem cell therapy. The biomedical rationale for pancreatic transplantation and stem cell therapy is accurate, comprehensible, and well-explained. Additionally, the ethical implications of the surgical procedure and stem cell treatment are presented in a straightforward and readable manner. The position statement is entirely accurate; additionally, the figure summarizes the authors’ suggestions. (It is a matter of how practical life is able to

spread this ideal way of thinking uniformly.) I suggest to accept the manuscript for publication.

We are grateful to the reviewer for these considerations.

Reviewer 2

Please rewrite with literature review guideline, using clearly methods for literature review.

Thanks for the suggestion. A description of the literature review method has been included in the "Introduction" section.

Editorial Comments

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Fixed. The only supernumerary references were "[41-46]".

We hope to have accomplished to the Editorial requests.

We certify that the paper is prepared according to the “Author Guidelines”.

The authors declare that the manuscript, or part of it, has neither been published nor is currently under consideration for publication by any other journal.

The submitting author declare that the co-authors have read the manuscript and approved its submission to World Journal of Stem Cells.

Conflict of Interest: none declared.

Thanks for your attention.

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Kind regards,
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