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Dear Science Editor  
Fang-Fang Ji,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 11564-review.doc).

**Title:** Follicular helper t lymphocytes (T<sub>FH</sub>) in health and disease

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Hematology*

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Thank you very much for your consideration of our paper for publication in *World Journal of Hematology*. We appreciate the comments of the reviewers and have improved our paper based on their suggestions.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1) Format has been updated.

2) Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer 1 (00503118):

*The manuscript by Parodi et. al. reviews role of Follicular Helper T Cells in the physiology. Overall a well written manuscript with proper layout and sufficient figures to illustrate the points. The reviewer recommends accepting the manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Hematology.*

Authors' response:

We greatly appreciate your comments on our paper and your recommendation for its publication in the Journal.

Reviewer 2 (00505881):

a) *This review presents a solid number of figures and tables for its length. They add quality and clarity and aid in understanding follicular helper T cell development. However Figure 3 is not mentioned in the body of the manuscript...*

Authors' response:

Following your suggestions, Figure 3 is now mentioned in the body of the manuscript, at the end of the "PD-1 and its ligands have a critical role in the assembly of the humoral response" section.

b) *Also clarity of Figure 3 would be improved with either a removal of the numbered sections 1-4 or an explanation of the numbers in the legend.*

Authors' response:

As you have suggested, we added an explanation of the numbers 1-4 in the legend, in order to clarify figure 3.

- c) Compared to the other sections discussing TFH's role in diseases, the section "TFH cells and autoimmunity" is rather short and lacks depth. The authors mention several autoimmune diseases in which TFH is involved but stop short there and are scarce on the details...

Authors' response:

Taking your advice, we extended and added more details to the section "TFH cells and autoimmunity".

- d) Overall the paper is written in a clear manner with the exception of very occasional odd syntax and excessive use of passive voice mostly in the "TFH cell phenotype and function" and "TFH cells in protozoan diseases" section.

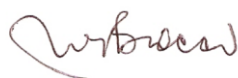
Authors' response:

We tried to improve the syntax and sentence constructions in the indicated sections: "TFH cell phenotype and function" and "TFH cells in protozoan diseases". We hope the corrected manuscript meets your requirements. Thanks for your helpful suggestions.

- 3) References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hematology*,

Sincerely yours,



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