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## RESPONSE LETTER – ADDRESSING REVIEWER AND COMPANY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF COMMENTS

**Manuscript ID-NO: 69040**

Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng, Dear Editorial Office Team,

thank you very much for the valuable peer reviewers' and your own comments on our manuscript ID-No 69040 submitted to the WJO as retrospective clinical study. We are pleased to see your preliminary decision of conditional acceptance, if the required revisions are completed to the reviewers' satisfaction.

The feedback and suggestions have been welcomed because of their constructive nature. With the made amendments in the revised manuscript we are convinced that the paper has improved. Therefore, we hope that the revised manuscript will receive the status "accepted for publication" by the editorial office and we are looking forward to receive your final evaluation.

Best regards,

*Christof Berberich, Ph.D., corresponding author*

### Responses to reviewer comments

#### Science Reviewer #1

We were very pleased to receive such a good general evaluation of the scientific quality of our paper with the following grading: **Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good); **Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing); **Conclusion:** Accept (General priority). As the reviewer concluded that this article deserves the publication without changes we only focused on editing the contents according to the WJO manuscript publishing requirements and the editorial office comments

### Science editor and editorial office comments:

#### Language quality

The public health specialist Dr. Nada Pezic, native English speaker from Australia, has now reviewed he revised manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability (see certificate).

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**Literature**

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