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Dear Editor,

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

**Title: Advances in Haplo-Identical Stem Cell Transplantation in Adults with High-Risk Hematological Malignancies**

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. A section expanding the clinical diagnosis of GVHD has been added to the Section of Graft-versus host disease
2. Current indications for BMT have been added to the background. Explanation of why younger donors are preferred has also been added (paragraph 2 section Identification of a Donor). The concept of stem cell engraftment in a haplo-identical setting as described by Reisner has been expanded (paragraph 2 Section Approaches to Haplo-identical BMT). Use of post transplant G-CSF has also been expanded with additional references
3. The typographical errors pointed out by reviewer #2 have been corrected (Ultimately, Figure 2, HLA).

Thank you again for considering our manuscript in the *World Journal of Stem Cells*.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. R. Foley, MD, FRCPC