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Editorial Office Baishideng Publishing Group Inc World Journal of Clinical Cases

Dear Editor:

I wish to re-submit the manuscript entitled "Utility of plasma D-dimer for diagnosis of venous thromboembolism after hepatectomy." The manuscript ID is NO: 89571

We thank you and the reviewers for your thoughtful suggestions and insights. The manuscript has benefited from these insightful suggestions. I look forward to working with you and the reviewers to move this manuscript closer to publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

The manuscript has been rechecked and the necessary changes have been made in accordance with the reviewers' suggestions. The responses to all comments have been prepared and attached herewith.

As you suggested, we have unified the notation of figure and created an editable figure-only Power Point (PPT) file(89571-Figures.pptx).

We also changed table to three-line table and created an editable table-only Word file(89571-Tables.docx).

We also proofread the manuscript in English and the revised/added contents are indicated by yellow color. A certificate of proofreading is also attached.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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**Reviewer's comments:** This is a retrospective study showing a result that monitoring of plasma D-dimer levels after hepatectomy may allow early detection of asymptomatic VTE and may help avoid routine postoperative anticoagulation. Given that there haven't been many studies like this, I think its originality is recognized and deserves publication.

**Reply:** Thanks for your comments.