

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS 10142-edited.doc).

Title: Is ABO blood group truly a risk factor for thrombosis and adverse outcomes

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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 reviewer

Reviewer 542396

(1). Reference section - add more recent publications.

Thank you for this vital advice, your suggested references are very important to this topic. We read all the suggested references and added them into our reference list. We also changed the references into the same format.

(2). Subtype of ABO classification in introduction section

Yes, we agree it would be more understandable if we make it specifically. We've made a more detailed explanation in introduction section to list the subtype of table 1.

(3). The definition of vWF should be identified in the first paragraph

Yes, we also agree that the definition and related explanation should be identified first. We adjusted the sequences of this section and made minor changes in order to make the paragraph more understandable.

(4). The numeration and format to designated ABO groups and vWF molecular domains.

Thank you for your work, it was our fault not using a different format to differentiate the two. We used A1 to designate blood group, and A1 to designate vWF domain.

(5). Spelling mistakes

Thanks again for your careful review, we are sorry making these spelling mistakes, we corrected them and will do a more careful work next time.

Reviewer 1593993

(1). Add another paragraph about the relationship between blood abnormalities and thrombosis after transplantation

Thanks very much for your advice, however, we actually planned to focus on the blood types and thrombosis as well as other surgical considerations, we didn't plan to discuss blood abnormalities and transplantation, which we believe it an interesting area to explore and would love to do some other work on this area.

3 References and typesetting were corrected