

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 20198-Review.doc).

Title: Do neutrophil extracellular traps contribute to the heightened risk of thrombosis in inflammatory diseases?

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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 #214291: *Interesting article.*

- Thank you for this positive comment.

Reviewer #100945: *This is a beautiful, extensive and comprehensive review on NETosis and its effects on thrombosis. I have no comments except that such review could be strengthened even more with some illustrations explaining figuratively the role of NETs.*

- Thank you for the positive comments.
- The need for a schematic figure was also mentioned by another reviewer. We have added a detail schematic (now Figure 1).

Reviewer #39411: *It's an interesting review, also I suggest to simplify the text for clinical physicians, not specifically dedicated to basic research I also have to more suggestions: Histones are not clearly defined in the manuscript References are not cited in the same way: some of them following Index Medicus abbreviation recommendations (like number 1,2) and other with the complete name of the journal (like number 3,5)*

- Thank you for these comments.
- All authors have re-read the manuscript, looking for places to simplify. We believe the wording has been improved throughout the text. In particular, we have added many subheadings (see highlighting), which we hope will make it easier for a reader to find the particular sections of the review that are most relevant to their interests.

- We have now defined histones in at least two places (see highlighting).
- We have reviewed the references and corrected the formatting.

Reviewer #1194590: *In this invited review, Rao et al have shown that NET is important not only in venous thrombosis but also in arterial thrombosis. In spite of ambiguous role in pathogenesis of some diseases, the role of NET becomes much clearer at the present time. The review is timely and concise. However, as a review in nature, would you please add a schema to sketch the picture of NET, including the molecules shown in Table 1.*

- Thank you for these positive comments.
- We agree regarding the need for a schematic, and have added one as Figure 1.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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