

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Editor,

*Thank you for your kind invitation to contribute an Editorial to World Journal of Critical Care Medicine.*

I have the pleasure to send to your attention the manuscript revised according to the reviewers' and Science Editor comments, as well as updated according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Editorial.

**Title:** Deep sternal wound infection after cardiac surgery: evidences and controversies

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*

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### Answer to Science Editor

*Please highlight the changes made to the manuscript according to the peer-reviewers' comments. The manuscript has been modified according to the suggestions of reviewers and the corrections are marked in red and highlighted in yellow in this revised edition.*

*And this file is not the uniform format.*  
Format has been revised.

*Comment 1: Please revise. It's too long. Please revise it. It's above 220 words.*  
We reduced the length of the abstract as suggested by the Editor. Specifically, now the abstract is 227 words.

*Comment 2: We request that the first author make an audio file describing your final core tip.*  
The audio core tip has been provided.

*Comment 3: Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Please revise throughout. For those references that have not been indexed by PubMed, a printed copy of the first page of the full reference should be submitted.*  
All the references are indexed in PubMed and have DOI citation and/or PMID.  
We listed all authors of the reference list.

### Answer to Reviewer 00068168

1. *There are some aspects of English use that should be corrected. "It should be given with any of the following doses and durations: 1000 mg, 1500 mg, or 15 mg/kg over 1 hour, with completion within 1 hour of the skin incision; for 24 hours or 48 hours; in 1 dose or 2 doses."*

The sentence has been changed and the whole paragraph has been re-written (see page 7 bottom and page 8 beginning).

2. On the page 7 bottom, *“studies in the literature showed that the incidence of infection is lower when the preoperative dose is administered within 1 hour before surgical incision.”* It might be straightly expressed as *“studies in the literature showed that the incidence of infection is decreased when the preoperative dose is administered within 1 hour before surgical incision.”*

The sentence has been modified as suggested by the reviewer.

According to your kind reply, we do not provide the *CrossCheck* analysis because you will help us to do it.

According to your kind reply, we do not provide the language certificate because, as this is an invited manuscript, we do not provide it.

We thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in your journal.

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