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**Jia-Ping Yan**

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Dear Dr. Yan,

We would like to respectfully submit our revised manuscript (MS) titled **“Minocycline fails to improve neurologic and histologic outcome after ventricular fibrillation cardiac arrest in rats”** for a potential publication in the *World Journal of Critical Care Medicine*. We appreciated the reviewer's critiques to our original submission. We have provided point-by-point responses to the critiques. We used this opportunity to clarify some of our statements, and adjusted the wording in multiple sections of the MS to improve its readability.

The cross-referenced sections originated from my PhD thesis (#1) and from the Abstract of this study (#2), not from previously published papers. This should not be considered as copyright infringement, jeopardizing the fate of this MS.

IRB approval does not apply for this basic science study which did not involve human subjects. Instead, an appropriate IACUC approval for animal studies has been referenced with the original submission.

The statistical evaluation of data was performed by the co-authors with formal statistical training as part of their PhD program, using intra-departmental resources and consultations. As data analysis used in this MS were quite simple, we did not solicit a formal biostatistical consultation.

The references are formatted for WJCCM; some papers do not have DOI listed.

Individual figures for this MS were created in Word (#1), Power Point (#2, #6, #7), SPSS (#3 and #4), and Excel (#5), respectively. Panels in Figures 4 and 5 combined at Adobe Photoshop. The request to provide all figures as editable in Power Point may not be applicable for these formats. I would be more than happy to provide individual Figures in their respective formats or as .jpg or .tif as is the norm in most journals.

We believe that our MS in its revised form is now acceptable for publishing in your Journal.

On behalf of the authors,  
With kind regards,

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