

Dear Company Editor-in-Chief Na Ma and Science Editor Ruo-Yu Ma,

Thanks so much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript. As you advised, we have addressed the followings:

#### Peer-review report(s)

The authors must resolve all issues in the manuscript based on peer-review report(s) and make a point-to-point response to the issues raised in the peer-review report(s) which listed below:

#### Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: In this study, the authors introduce the epidemiological diagnosis and prognosis of multiple myeloma (MM) and review current methods for evaluating MM subclone evolution, such as MRD/MFC/NGS, their advantages and disadvantages are analyzed. In addition, the authors propose their new single-cell method of evaluation to understand MM's mechanism of evolution at the cellular level and to prompt the development of new targeted ways of treating this disease, which has a broad prospect.

Authors' response: Thanks so much for your expert's comment, with such a concise summary of our manuscript. We are so grateful that we have incorporated your comment in the revised abstract.

#### Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: A well-written article on an important topic.

Authors' response: Thanks so much for your insightful comment. Much appreciated your professionalism.

#### Step 6: Editorial Office's comments

The author must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which listed below:

(1) Science Editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a therapeutic and diagnostic guidelines of the hunting down the dominating subclone of cancer stem cells as a potential new therapeutic target in multiple myeloma. The topic is within the scope of the WJSC. (1) Classification: Grade B and Grade A; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The author introduced the epidemiological diagnosis and prognosis of multiple myeloma (MM) and review current methods for evaluating MM subclone evolution, which was well-written; and (3) Format: There is 1 table and 1 figure. A total of 104

references are cited, including 23 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A and Grade A. The author is the native English speaker. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, but the format is not right. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. (4) Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJSC. (5) Issues raised: (i) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; (ii) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. **Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;** and

Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout. **The PMID is required, and NOT the PMCID; the PMID number** can be found at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> [1]. (Please begin with PMID:) The DOI number can be found at <http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/> [2]. (Please begin with DOI: 10.\*\*).

#### Authors' response:

- 1) "PubMed numbers (PMID) and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references" – all three are provided accordingly. Please note that some references did not come with either PMID or DOI, so either might not list. In some references, neither PMID nor DOI was available as noted. Nevertheless, as Lian-Sheng Ma, Founder and CEO, advised, I've included my travel EndNote Library to you, in case that you need to arrange the references.
- 2) As the Editor asked, we have arranged all the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor. Please note that the Figure legends are in the main body of text.
- 3) Attachments:
  - i) Main text of the Manuscript.
  - ii) All the Figures in PowerPoint slides
  - iii) Cover letter (Response to Reviewers) (plus Email communication from the editors, on pages 3-18)
  - iv) my travel EndNote Library, as per advice by Lian-Sheng Ma, Founder and CEO.

Thanks so much again for your consideration.

Blessed. Peace be with you.

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