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Dr. Ke-Qin Hu
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Dear Hu,

Many thanks for inviting us to resubmit a revised version of the manuscript and for your valuable comments and those of the reviewers.

Please find enclosed the resubmitted revised manuscript for the Meta-analysis titled; Efficacy and safety of once daily tacrolimus compared to twice daily tacrolimus after liver transplantation: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials; Manuscript NO.: 57138.

We have read thoroughly all the reviewer comments and have taken all comments into consideration. We answered the questions and revised the text accordingly (all changes are highlighted in yellow).

I am herewith attaching the revised manuscript and the point-to-point replies to the reviewers.

Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Khalid Bzeizi

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Overall the analysis is well-written and performed, but there are few queries which should be answered. 1. the Meta-analysis comprises of studies till 2018, why this time period was selected? 2. Why new data published after 2018 is not included in the study? 3. the analysis could also be done according to origin of patients (if data available).

Response:

We have updated the search up to 30th December 2020 and have therefore added another clinical trial that met the inclusion criteria. The analysis was repeated accordingly.

4 LANGUAGE QUALITY

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

DONE. THANK YOU.

5 EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

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

(1) ***Science editor:*** 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a systematic reviews of prolonged tacrolimus for liver transplantation. The topic is within the scope of the WJH. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Overall the analysis is well-written and performed, but there are few queries which should be answered; and (3) Format: There is 1 table and 7 figures. A total of 25 references are cited, including 5 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by Research Medics was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: Please provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate and PRISMA 2009 Checklist. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. The highest single-source similarity index in the CrossCheck report showed to be 12%. The CrossCheck results showed the similarity to be high. According to our policy, the overall similarity index should be less than 30%, and the single-source similarity should be less than 5%. Please rephrase these repeated sentences. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJH. The corresponding author has not published articles in the BPG. Without financial support. 5 Issues raised: (1) I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions; (2) I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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; (3) I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; (4) I found the authors did not write the "article highlight" section. Please write the "article highlights" section at the end of the main text; (4) the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditionally accepted.

DONE. THANK YOU.

(2) *Editorial office director:* I have checked the comments written by the science editor. In addition, the manuscript type should be changed to "Meta-Analysis".

NOTED. THANK YOU.

(3) *Company editor-in-chief:* I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report and the full text of the manuscript, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted with major revisions. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, authors need to correct the issues raised by the editor to meet the publishing requirements. Re-Review: Required. The manuscript type has been changed to Meta-Analysis.

NOTED. THANK YOU.