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*World Journal of Diabetes*

**RE: Manuscript 58572 Plasma melatonin levels in patients with diabetic retinopathy secondary to type 2 diabetes**

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to thank you very much for returning to us the reviews of our manuscript, Plasma melatonin levels in patients with diabetic retinopathy secondary to type 2 diabetes(58572). This paper was submitted to your journal on the 2020/8/2. At this stage, we would like to thank both you and the 4 reviewers for spending time to work on our paper. We very much appreciate all of the comments received in review.

We have accepted a substantial proportion of the comments made on our work. The changes we have made to our paper are summarised in this letter (below) and are clear in the revised version as 'tracked changes text.

We now feel that this paper has been substantially improved and should now be acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Diabetes*.

Thank you for your time with our work. we look forward to hearing from you.  
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Yours Sincerely

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Specific Comments to Authors:

The problem presented in the paper has been discussed, especially in recent years, but it still remains actual topic. Literature citations are appropriate and adequate. The paper is organized in a clear and easy to understand manner. Undoubtedly, the research should be continued, especially as the authors themselves admit that the number of patients included in their research was limited. Studies comparing patients with type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes would be very interesting.

Re:

Excellent point ,Thank you for this insightful comment. As you mentioned, there are still topic with this problem, our research found that plasma melatonin concentration was decreased in DR cases might help manage DR, and could be used as a sensitive marker for the detection of DR. We have not yet included type 1 diabetes and would like to comparing patients with type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes in our subsequent study.

We thank the reviewers for this observation.

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The special characters \*, has been removed, as suggested, and we have added superscript letters in figure 2 if there is statistically significance. The special characters #, has been insteaded of superscript letters in the first page of the manuscript.