

## ANSWERING the REVIEWERS

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Dear Dr Lian-Sheng Ma,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6362-edited.doc).

**Title:** Why is there a need for an interdisciplinary approach to assess erectile dysfunction?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

### Reviewer code: 02446561

*1. The title is grammatically poor: Why is there a need of interdisciplinary approach to assess erectile dysfunction? This should be changed e.g. Why is there a need for an interdisciplinary approach to assess erectile dysfunction? ?*

*The title of the paper was changed to "Why is there a need for an interdisciplinary approach to assess erectile dysfunction?"*

- The title was changed.

*2. Abstract para 2 " This article endeavours to review current literatures on the issue" change to "This article endeavours to review the current literature".*

- The sentence was changed.

*3. Introduction, para 1, change the word influenced " It is estimated that more than ten million men are influenced by ED throughout the world [2].*

- The word was replaced with "affected".

*4. Introduction, para 2; The risk of vascular diseases in men increases with the increase of age, and it even becomes worse in men suffering Erectile dysfunction [5]. Change to, The risk of vascular diseases in men increases with age, and it even becomes worse in men suffering with ED [5].*

- The sentence was changed.

*5. Mechanism of erection and factors inducing erectile dysfunction, para 2; change glance of penis. Although there are numerous small and large veins serving the glans penis, the deep dorsal vein provides the main venous drainage of the glance of penis (Figure 3) [15].*

- The word/sentence was changed.

6. *Throughout the text erectile dysfunction and coronary artery disease is not consistently abbreviated.*

- The abbreviation for erectile dysfunction and coronary artery disease was revised throughout the text.

7. *Conclusion, para 1 needs rewording; “this disorder is still under-diagnosed because many men would prefer to keep their having ED a secret.*

-The sentence was reworded.

**Reviewer code: 00505700**

1. *The epidemiology of ED in patients with vascular risk factors should be described in greater details.*

- More details on the epidemiology of ED in patients with vascular risk factors have been added to the Introduction section para 2.

2. *It would be helpful to clarify that specific cases of ED correlate with vascular disorders and not all. As example, vasculogenic ED closely correlates with cardiovascular problems. Neurogenic ED and ED resulting from pelvic trauma, surgical procedures, and apoptosis have nothing to do with vascular problems.*

- This clarification was added to the Introduction section, at the beginning of Para 4.

3. *Tables 1 and 2 may not be needed. Information from these tables could be described within the text.*

- Since the list of risk factors is rather long, the Tables 1 and 2 provide a summary of these factors which may help reader to easily view them. Therefore, I believe the paper will benefit from adding the two tables.

4. *In table 1, atherosclerosis and peripheral vascular disorder are vascular diseases and not risk factors of vascular disease. History of heart disease indicates vascular disease in the past and may not necessarily be a risk factor for impending vascular disease.*

- These three disorders were removed from the list of risk factors for vascular diseases.

**Reviewer code: 00505626**

1. *However the paragraphs of anatomy and physiology of erection are weak and of no significant value; I prefer to delete them.*

- Although the two paragraphs of anatomy and physiology of erection seem very simple, they can provide a review for the readers to better understand the link between ED and vascular diseases. Therefore, I believe that the paper will benefit from adding the two paragraphs.

**Reviewer code: 00505749**

1. *Introduction: ref (2) is in my opinion far from correct, please check these data and provide new reference check for typos throughout your paper.*

- The Ref 2 was changed and the respective sentence was modified.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Urology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marjan Khajehei', is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

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