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Science Editor, Company Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Office  
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Subject: Revision Manuscript # 64455 " Clinical Considerations for Critically Ill COVID-19 Cancer Patients".

Dear Professor Lian-Sheng,

On behalf of co-authors, I would like to thank the editorial team and reviewers for their time and consideration in reading our manuscript. The timely and appropriate response from the editorial staff is commendable and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Editor.

In the following pages, we have attempted to respond to the reviewer's comment "point by point" to better clarify the issues raised, as per single annex.

Besides, we have added the text mentioned in the responses, and the references have also been updated.

Be regard,

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## REVIEWER'S COMMENT "POINT BY POINT"

### Reviewer#1

I think the manuscript is original but more we need more studies to generalize the results more data is needed about the stage of cancer is very critical Too much limitations in this study Most of the data in table 2 not reported

Response: As per the reviewer comment. Table 2 has been completely removed.

### Reviewer#2

Good article but needs more data about cancer stage title should be more representative for the article take care again for the reference section.

Response: Thank you so much.

## 2 Editorial Office's comments

### 1) Science Editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes an opinion review of the clinical considerations for critically ill COVID-19 cancer patients. The topic is within the scope of the WJCO. (1) Classification: Grade D; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The manuscript is original but more studies to generalize the results need to be added and more data is needed about the stage of cancer is very critical; and (3) Format: There are 2 tables and 4 figures.

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Response: Bibliography has been revised appropriately.

(6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the

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6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.