

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Its nicely written article. As figure and legend are separate it was hard to follow.

Response: Thank you for your comments

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors prepared a meta analysis of studies on mortality from sepsis in cancer patients. Despite heterogeneity of the data and several confounding variables, they managed to show that mortality from sepsis is increased in patients with malignancies. This is a valuable contribution to the study of sepsis and cancer and it deserves to be published in WJCC. The data were analysed in accordance with the PRISMA statement. The paper is well written, however, minor language polishing is necessary before publication.

Response: Thank you for your comments. Language editing has been carried out.

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Response: Done

6 EDITORIAL OFFICE’S COMMENTS

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(1) Science editor:

This is an interesting study. The manuscript is well written.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Response: Thank you for your comments

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, “Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...”. 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. In order to respect and protect the author’s intellectual property rights and prevent others from misappropriating figures without the author's authorization or abusing figures without indicating the source, we will indicate the author's copyright for figures originally generated by the author, and if the author has used a figure published elsewhere or that is copyrighted, the author needs to be authorized by the previous publisher or the copyright holder and/or indicate the reference source and copyrights. Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is ‘original’, the author

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Response: Thank you for your comments