

**Cover letter**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Dr. Lian-Sheng Ma, Science Editor, Company Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Office

Thank you for your May 3<sup>rd</sup> letter according to our manuscript entitled **“Safety of liver resection with special reference to antithrombotic therapy: A systematic review of the literature” (Manuscript No. 62018).**

I prepared herein our revised manuscript including figures. Our incorporation of the reviewer’s suggestion is as follows:

- 1) As the reviewer recommended to describe the method for systematic review such as PRISMA guideline, we added the description about PRISMA guidelines which we actually used for our research. We added the comments as follows; (Method section) “... The review followed the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis Protocols (PRISMA-P) 2015 checklist.<sup>8</sup> Articles were included when published in the peer review journal. The eligible studies included randomized clinical trials, prospective or retrospective cohort studies, or case-control studies; guidelines, review articles, or case series/reports were not included.... “
- 2) According to the reviewer’s suggestion, we also added the figure 1 (PRISMA flow diagram).
- 3) According to the Science Editor’s suggestion, we added the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text.
- 4) According to the Science Editor’s suggestion, we removed the redundant references from our institution, and reduced the self-referencing rate to less than 10%.
- 5) According to the Science Editor’s suggestion, we also added PMID and DOI numbers to the whole reference list.

I believe the manuscript has been improved satisfactory and hope it will be accepted for publication in World Journal of Hepatology.

Sincerely,

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