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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

Manuscript NO: 36061

Title: Duplicate publication bias weakens the validity of meta-analysis of immunosuppression after transplantation

Reviewer's code: 00053888

Reviewer's country: United Kingdom

Science editor: Ze-Mao Gong

Date sent for review: 2017-08-29

Date reviewed: 2017-08-29

Review time: 1 Hour

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This letter definitely needs to be published. The article referenced needs to have appropriate peer review and this letter helps inform that process.



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Reviewer's country: Taiwan

Science editor: Ze-Mao Gong

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Review time: 4 Hours

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This is a letter to editor manuscript style. Of course, a best journal must have a communication strategy to create a scientifically sound. For the best journal benefit, it should be accepting without alter here.



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Reviewer's country: Japan

Science editor: Ze-Mao Gong

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This reviewer have no comment to authors.



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology

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Title: Duplicate publication bias weakens the validity of meta-analysis of immunosuppression after transplantation

Reviewer’s code: 02530754

Reviewer’s country: Spain

Science editor: Ze-Mao Gong

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Date reviewed: 2017-09-04

Review time: 6 Days

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Fairfield et al have made a pertinent criticism to the meta-analysis published by Lan et a. Evidently, this is not the first meta-analysis evaluating steroid-free immunosuppression in liver transplantation. In addition, some publications were included and analyzed individually, when they actually formed part of a single study protocol, and indeed had identical recruiting centers and overlapping inclusion periods. I agree with the authors that the results of the meta-analysis may be considered invalid in their current form.