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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
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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 code:** 00051373

**Reviewer's country:** Taiwan

**Science editor:** Ze-Mao Gong

**Date sent for review:** 2017-08-29

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

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.

## 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:** 03537672

**Reviewer's country:** Japan

**Science editor:** Ze-Mao Gong

**Date sent for review:** 2017-08-29

**Date reviewed:** 2017-08-30

**Review time:** 1 Day

CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
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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

**Date sent for review:** 2017-08-29

**Date reviewed:** 2017-09-04

**Review time:** 6 Days

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Fairfield et al have made a pertinent criticism to the meta-analysis published by Lan et al. 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.