12th September 2020

Dear Editor and reviewer/s,

Thank you very much for your letter and all the comments concerning our manuscript entitled "**Oncological impact of different distal ureter managements during radical nephroureterectomy for primary upper urinary tract urothelial carcinoma**" (Manuscript NO: 56435). Based on your comments and the reviewer's suggestions, we have carefully revised the manuscript. We are now resubmitting the revised article for your re-consideration to publish in the ***World Journal of Clinical Cases***. Please see point to point responses to all your comments below, and corresponding revisions in the body of manuscript are marked in yellow. We look forward to hearing from you and remain hopeful for a favorable decision. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Responses to the reviewer's comments:

Comment 1: This is a retrospective study therefore observational. Nevertheless, the outcome is reassuring for urologists performing this less common surgery. The paper is written well and scientifically effective. Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good); Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing); Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Response: Thank you for your support and all the works you have done for us.

Responses to the Editorial Office's comments:

Science Editor's comments

Comment 1: The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s)

Response: Thank you for reminding. We are really sorry for the carelessness. We have uploaded these documents in the system. Please have a check.

Comment 2: The authors did not provide original pictures. 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.

Response: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. We have arranged and uploaded our picture documents accordingly. Please have a check.

Comment 3: The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text.

Response: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. We have added the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text. Please see line 350-402, page 1-15 for detail.

Comment 4: The STROBE Statement lacks of the page number.

Response: Thank you for reminding. We are really sorry for the carelessness. We have uploaded a new version of STROBE Statement with page number in the system. Please have a check.

Comment 5: Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: Thank you for your support and all the works you have done for us.

Editorial Office Director's comments

Comment 1: I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

Response: Thank you for your support and all the works you have done for us.

Company Editor-in-Chief's comments

Comment 1: 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.

Response: Thank you for your support and all the works you have done for us.

Comment 2: The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words).

Response: Thank you for your helpful suggestions. We have modified the title as "Oncological impact of different distal ureter managements during radical nephroureterectomy for primary upper urinary tract urothelial carcinoma" which only have 17 words. We hope this meet your requirements. Thanks again.

We have tried our best to improve the manuscript and have made additional changes to the manuscript, as advised. These changes do not influence the content or framework of the report. We appreciate all feedback and hope our amendments and corrections are met with your approval but if you feel the article requires further revising, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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