

Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript entitled "**The unexplained increasing of Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate in a case recovered from COVID-19**" (ID: 59735, Case Report). Those comments are valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds(**A**) to the reviewer's comments(**Q**) are as flowing:

## List of Responses

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

### Reviewer #1:

**Q:**The short title is not relevant to the paper.

**A:** We are very sorry for our incorrect writing about the short title in manuscript. We have adjusted the title to "Increased ESR in COVID-19 patient" in new manuscript.

**Q:** "novel coronavirus virus pneumonia (named COVID-19)" - npt

scientific true, it is SARS-CoV-2, not simply pneumonia.

A: According to the current international usage, the novel coronavirus virus named SARS-CoV-2, while novel coronavirus virus pneumonia named COVID-19. So we used the simplified form in this manuscript.

Q: Think for changing the title by including the word "prognosis"

A: Although the abnormal ESR possibly associated with patient's prognosis, it's difficult to predict the prognosis only by the parameter of ESR, this point has aroused in comments and discussed in revised manuscript. So we think it is better to keep the current title in our manuscript.

Q: The references have to be adjusted, ex. "even multiple organ dysfunction (MODS) [4] [7]" - [4,7]

A: We have revised the references throughout in new version of manuscript.

Q: It is difficult to predict the long-term well-being of the patient on the basis only of the ESR. Please, adjust your last paragraph in discussion and in conclusion.

A: It is really true as reviewer suggested it is difficult to predict the long-term prognosis of patient only based on ESR, actually we had discussed it in our previous version of manuscript. Many thanks for your

advice, in new version of manuscript, we further adjusted our discussion according to your advice.

**Reviewer #2:**

**Q.** The title of Tables should be located at the top of the table. Please correct it.

**A:** Thanks for your advice, we have changed it in new version of manuscript.

**EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

**C:**The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement, and fill out the CARE Checklist –2016 with page numbers

**A:** We have uploaded the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form' Copyright License Agreement and the CARE Checklist from submission system.

**C:** I found the authors did not provide the approved grant application form, Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

**A:** We have uploaded the approved grant application forms from submission system.

C:I found the authors did not provide the original figures. 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.

**A:** We organized all original figures and tables and submitted them from submission system.

C: I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;

**A:** We adjusted the references and uploaded the new references , the new references list included the PMID and DOI, PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers and all authors.

C: I found the “Case Presentation” did not meet our requirements. Please re-write the “Case Presentation” section, and add “FINAL DIAGNOSIS”, “TREATMENT”, and “OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP” section to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision;

**A:** We have adjusted the case presentation in new manuscript. The new case presentation included “Chief complaints”, “History of present

illness”, “History of past illness”, “Personal and family history”, “Physical examination”, “Laboratory examinations”, “Imaging examinations”, “Final diagnosis”, “Treatments” and “Outcome and follow up”.

Q: I found no “Author contribution” section. Please provide the author contributions.

A: We added the “ author contribution ” section in new manuscript.