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for Management



Response to the Reviewers

We would first like to thank the reviewers for their insightful and helpful comments and suggestions. Please find the answers to their suggestions and requests below.

Reviewer #1 - Comments and Suggestions:

Regarding the request for “minor language polishing required” we are in agreement and have used the editing services of professional English language editing companies as per the suggestion of the Baishideng Publishing Group.

Reviewer #2 - Comments and Suggestions:

About the suggestion “The authors should seek help of an English Language Editor to rectify awkward parlance of words and grammar”, as mentioned in Reviewer #1 field, we are in agreement and we have followed the Baishideng Publishing Group’s suggestion and have received editing services from professional English language editing companies. Additionally, we have made changes to the sentences mentioned by the reviewer (Pages 3, 9, 10, 11, and 17).

Regarding the comment “The authors have arbitrarily expressed numerous terms with upper case letters. For example, there is no reason to express Hyporeninemic Hypoaldosteronism, Diabetes Mellitus, Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS), Type IV Renal Tubular Acidosis (RTA) in such a manner. A careful revision should be

done to remove such unconventional expression for well-known terms”, we are in agreement and have made the necessary changes in the revised manuscript.

Regarding the comment “There are several words that are commonly “hyphenated” and authors should carefully revise their manuscript to rectify this situation. Some examples: pseudo-hypoaldosteronism, poly-glandular syndrome, pro-renin, micro-vascular, tubule-interstitial, poly-pharmacy and many others”, we would like to say that these words were written in the same format as similar articles and ones addressing related themes. In addition, these terms were reviewed by professional English language editing companies as per the Baishideng Publishing Group’s suggestion.

Regarding the comment/suggestion “In my humble opinion, the utility of this review will be greatly enhanced if the authors included a logical and concise scheme under the heading of “Current Diagnosis and Treatment Regimens for HH in DM Patients”, we do agree that the review would be more interesting if it was focused on diagnosis and treatment, and that was our initial plan (a systematic review about the diagnosis and treatment of hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism). However, we found a significant lack of evidence on these topics. Therefore, we chose to write a broader comprehensive review on hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism. We believe that the perceptions of the other reviewers were similar to ours.

Reviewer #3 - Comments and Suggestions:

We have addressed the question, “The underlying cause(s) of juxtaglomerular apparatus atrophy should be elaborated. Is it directly related to autonomic neuropathy?” by revising the manuscript to clarify this issue (Pages 8 and 15).

Regarding the request, “Please provide a reference for this statement “autonomic neuropathy results in impaired beta2-mediated influx of potassium into cells”, we have included the proper reference.

We agree with the suggestion, “It is better to add a concise diagram to summarize pathogenesis and treatment strategies for DM-related hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism”, and we have included two relevant figures in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer #4 - Comments and Suggestions:

Regarding the request, “Please insert page number throughout the paper”, we have included page numbers in the revised manuscript.

We agree with all of the suggestions under the topic “MINOR REVISIONS”, we are in agreement and we have made the requested changes.