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Dear editor

Editor-in-Chief

Hope this finds you well

**Re: Revised Manuscript Submission** (Manuscript No: 66028)

We would like to thank you and all reviewers for your time and insightful and qualified comments after reviewing our manuscript titled "**Global research production in neonatal abstinence syndrome: A bibliometric analysis**".

We wish to thank the editor and reviewers again for their time in commenting on the draft manuscript, which we believe has strengthened the paper. We carefully addressed all comments of the reviewers. A point-by--by-point reply to the comments is given below. We hope that we appropriately address all comments.

**We look forward to you and reviewers' comments on the manuscript and hope that the manuscript is given favorable consideration for publication in World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics.**

Yours sincerely

Sa'ed H Zyoud

Reviewer reports:

Reviewer # 1 (05872863)

This is a very good article on knowledge mapping, which analyzed and visualized the research hotspots and characteristics of neonatal abstinence syndrome in detail.

**Response: I would like to thank you for the thorough reading of the manuscript and the professional comments and constructive recommendations, which help improve this manuscript's quality.**

However, Figure 2 is extremely asymmetric, and a lot of information is not shown, which may be related to the different incidence rates of the disease in different countries and the strength of scientific research ability. It is recommended to modify the relevant parameters of VosViewer to make the image display information better.

Response: Thank you for this suggestion. We modified it as you suggested (Figure 2)

#### Editor comments

- 1- Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a scientometrics of the global research production in neonatal abstinence syndrome from 1958 to 2019. The topic is within the scope of the WJCP.
- (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors found a very good article on knowledge mapping, which analyzed and visualized the research hotspots and characteristics of neonatal abstinence syndrome in detail. However, Figure 2 is extremely asymmetric, and a lot of information is not shown;(3) Format: There are 5 tables and 5 figures.

Response: Dear editor, thank you very much for the comments and suggestions. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to improve and resubmit our manuscript. The comments and suggestions are valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our manuscript. According to the referees' comments and suggestions, we have made revisions, as described in the authors' response.

- (4) References: A total of 72 references are cited, including 9 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 4 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and

**Response: The self-referencing rates were less than 10% and all references were related to the bibliometric and closely related to this type of topics.**

(6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately.

**Response: no concern for this note**

2- Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A.

**Response: thanks for this encouraging point**

3- Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, and the PRISMA 2009 Checklist. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

**Response: thanks for this encouraging point**

4- Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJCP.

**Response: thanks for this encouraging point**

5- Issues raised:

(1) The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words;

**Response: we modified it**

(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; and

**Response: All our figures were original.**

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

**Response: we added it**

6- Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.



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Response: thank you for this decision