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Dear Editor,

Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your time to revise our Manuscript. We acknowledge that our paper may have some issues. We have took into account all the suggestions made by the reviewers. Those changes are highlighted within the manuscript. Please see below, in blue, for a point-by-point response to the reviewers' comments.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: This is an interesting Editorial to introduced the Vaccines and autoimmunity during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, I still have some minor suggestions. 1, It would be much better that the author can use some Table or Figure to summarize these useful information, so that the reader can easier to learn the updating knowledge in this Editorial.

- ➤ Thank you for the overall evaluation of our paper as good. We appreciate your constructive comments. We have added a figure to represent our ideas as per your suggestion.
- We have also added a reference to support the information in the figure.

## (1) Science editor:

1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes an editorial of the vaccines and autoimmunity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The topic is within the scope of the WJI. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This is an interesting Editorial to introduced the Vaccines and autoimmunity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are no tables and no figures; (4) References: A total of 28 references are cited, including 25 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Selfcited references: There are 3 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations (i.e. those that are most closely related to the topic of the manuscript) and remove all 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 (6) References recommendations: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by the peer reviewer(s), especially references published by the peer reviewer(s) him/herself (themselves). If the authors find the peer reviewer(s) request for the authors to cite improper references published by him/herself (themselves), please send the peer reviewer's ID number to editorial office @wignet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 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 WJI. 5 Issues raised: (1) PMID numbers are missing 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; and (2) Please add table/figure to the manuscript. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

- Thank you for the evaluation, comments and suggestions.
- We have revised the references as per journal style.
- We have added a craft figure that represents our main ideas in the manuscript. We have also added a reference to support the information in the figure.

Additionally, we have revised the language again in order to achieve grade A.

## (2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Immunology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Thank you for the valuable comments. The paper has been revised following the referee's suggestions.