

Dear Prof. Wang

Thank you for your decision letter on our manuscript (Manuscript # 87889) entitled “**Red cell distribution width: a predictor of the severity of hypertriglyceridemia-induced acute pancreatitis**”. We also thank the reviewer for the constructive comments and suggestions. We have revised the manuscript accordingly, and all amendments are indicated by yellow color in the revised manuscript. In addition, our point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

We hope that our revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Jing-Jing Lei

Dear Reviewer and editors,

Thank all the reviewers for your constructive comments and suggestions. Our responses to each of your comments were enclosed as follows:

#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 Experimental Medicine, 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. 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. In order to respect and protect the author’s intellectual property rights and prevent others from misappropriating figures

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Reply: Thank you very much for your helpful suggestions. In the revised manuscript, we have revised the abstract, main text, tables and figures according to the revision requirements.

Reviewer#1:

(1) In the abstract, BISAP should be explained briefly.

Thank you for your valuable comment. We have now briefly explained BISAP in the Abstract section.

(2) In the retrospective study, is it necessary to obtain written informed consent from each patient.

Thank you for your comment. Owing to the retrospective nature of the study, patient consent for inclusion was waived. This has now been mentioned in the revised manuscript.

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1) In the data collection (method), you should describe the method of RDW measurement showing the standard values.

Thank you for your comment. We have now described how RDW was measured in the Materials and Methods section in the revised manuscript.

2) Does RDW mean RDW-CV?

Thank you for your comment. RDW means RDW-CV in the study. Meanwhile, we do not think both RDW-CV and RDW-SD should be distinguished because the readers can distinguish them based on the unit. Moreover, we observed that many previous studies do not distinguish this.

3) In the other way, the formula to calculate RDW-CV should be described, and additionally clinical significance (meaning) of RDW-CV should be briefly mentioned in the method.

Thank you for your valuable suggestion. Based on your comment, we have now included a formula for calculating RDW in the Materials and Methods section; furthermore, the clinical significance of RDW has been described in the second paragraph of the Introduction section.