

ANSWERING EDITOR AND REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,

We have answered all the comments/suggestions concerning the Manuscript NO: 38247 submitted to World Journal of Nephrology.

You have now the manuscript in two different colors. Black is the original, in red the answers to reviewer's comments.

Answering to Editor's comments/suggestions:

- i) The Copyright License Agreement has been attached in a pdf format with handwritten signatures of the authors.
- ii) We have rearranged the author's affiliations according to your suggestion.
- iii) We have added the ORCID numbers.
- iv) The detailed address of the corresponding author has been added.
- v) Audio Cor Tip has been attached.

Answering to Reviewer's comments/suggestions:

Answering to Reviewer Number ID: 03509321.

- i) The histological findings have been deleted from the Introduction chapter as suggested.
- ii) The therapeutic protocols of RTX used in RCTs (RAVE, RITUXVAS) are shown in Table I.
- iii) As underlined by the title we discuss exclusively the "**Open challenges in the remission induction therapy**". However, as correctly suggested by the reviewer, the importance of maintenance immunosuppression regimens on the outcomes of current RCTs have been included in the discussion (Page 7 and 12).
- iv) Discussion on the management of paediatric population has been added (Page 9).

- v) In the introductory chapter, it is now mentioned clearly that RCTs are explicitly taken into consideration in this review as they represent the most potent scientific tool for evaluating medical treatments and the basis of the current International guidelines for the treatment of ANCA associated vasculitis (Page 5).

Answering to Reviewer Number ID: 02884329

- i) The title of the question "1" has been rewritten as suggested (Page 6)
ii) The sentences on page 7-8 have been rewritten according the suggestions
iii) The unit of serum creatinine has been changed in "μmol/L." (Page 14)
iv) Major agents which is under evaluation are now listed at the end of this paper according the suggestion (Page 18).

Thank you for your comments

Best regards.

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