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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in World Journal of Clinical Urology (file name: 10955-review.doc).

Title: Vitamin C supplementation in patients on maintenance dialysis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer(s) and editor(s):

(1) There is no specific reference to the dosage of Vit C, what is the method used and can be performed routinely in dialysis wards or is too expensive.

Thank you for your comments. We did not find specific guidelines to the dosage and method used of VitC which can be performed routinely in dialysis wards. So we have described the available studies of the different dosages and methods of vitamin C in the section of “**Dosages of vitamin C supplementation**”.

(2) It is not clear the link between vitamin C deficiency and secondary hyperparathyroidism. Are there studies in which the deficiency of vitamin C correlates with hyperparathyroidism or with vitamin D deficiency?

Thank you for your comments. We added another chapter titled “**Vitamin C deficiency and secondary hyperparathyroidism**” in this review according to your kind recommendation.

(3) The removal of vit C during a dialysis session is different in the various methods of dialysis? (standard HD, AFB, HDF, HDF on line etc.), it should be specified in the text.

Thank you for your comments. We added the removal of vitC during dialysis session in the various methods of dialysis in the section of “**Deficiency of vitamin C in MHD patients**” in this review according to your kind recommendation.

(4) In the text authors should conclude more clearly, giving their opinion on the use and the dosage of vitamin C in clinical practice, of course suggesting randomized controlled clinical trials.

Thank you for your comments. We added the opinion on the use and the dosage of vitamin C in clinical practice and suggested randomized controlled clinical trials should be held in the conclusion section according to your kind recommendation.

In addition, we added the running title, postcodes of authors, author contributions, address in detail of correspondence, key words, and core tip in this manuscript according to your kind recommendation.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Urology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Li Zuo". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the first letter of each name being capitalized.

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