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RE: manuscript no 57521 revision

**Dear Na Ma,
Company Editor-in-Chief**

Thank you very much for positive opinion of the manuscript submitted for the *World Journal of Stem Cells* for a special issue devoted of stem cell study for respiratory diseases, manuscript NO.: 57521.

I am re-submitting the revised version of manuscript entitled “**Perspectives on mesenchymal stem/progenitor cells and their derivates as potential therapy in lung damage caused by COVID-19**” for consideration of publication in the *World Journal of Stem Cells* as a Minireview article. The title has been rephrased to meet the title word limit criteria for minireviews up to 18 words. The manuscript has been prepared according to *World Journal of Stem Cells* author guidelines and requirements for manuscript revision. The material is original; it has been neither published elsewhere nor submitted for publication simultaneously.

The manuscript has been revised according to the Academic Reviewer suggestions and Editorial comments. All points raised in peer review report has been addressed in the revised version of manuscript.

Reviewer #1: First assessment

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: The article thoroughly reviewed the cell-based therapy with MSCs and/or their secretome as a supportive therapy for critically ill COVID-19 patients, providing insights into the treatment modalities of this yet unconquered disease. Minor grammatical errors and typos need to be corrected. In general, this article is interesting and well written.

Answer: I am grateful for Reviewer positive opinion. As suggested by the Reviewer, grammatical errors and typos has been corrected by professional English editing service.

Reviewer #1: Revision 1

Specific Comments to Authors: There are still language errors in “Current therapies of COVID-19” in Introduction. To be specific, “previously” “recognized”, “AEC2”,

“criticallyâ€‘ill”, “treatment critically-ill COVID-19 patients”. The rest of the manuscript is accurate.

Answer: Thank you to the Reviewer for specific comments. All errors has been corrected in the revised version of manuscript, in the Abstract and in the Introduction section (page 5) and are highlighted by yellow color.

Editorial review and comments:

1. The single-source similarity index showed to be 7% in the CrossCheck report. The authors need to rephrase the repeated parts.

Answer: I found the paragraphs showing similarity with my previous published paper and I rephrased them accordingly.

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;

Answer: Figure 1 has been prepared using PowerPoint and is attached in the revised version of manuscript.

3. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Answer: PIMD and DOI citation numbers and list of all authors were added to the reference list prepared using EndNote program.