1. This systematic review presents evidence of a negative correlation between serum iron levels and mortality among patients with sepsis. Furthermore, it reveals a minor yet adverse impact of serum ferritin on mortality among the US population.

Response: Thanks for your thorough reading. This systematic review presents evidence of a negative correlation between serum iron levels and mortality in patients with sepsis. Additionally, it highlights the adverse effect of serum ferritin on mortality in the US population.

2. This study had a few limitations. First, only studies published in English journals were included. There is only 19 studies involved. Second, predicting the effect of misclassification of cohort studies on the results was challenging. Third, systematic confounding or the risk of bias in observation studies cannot be ruled out easily.

Response: Thank you for your review comments, the shortcomings you mention we have already addressed in the article. The conclusion of our article is also cautious.

---1 Answer to reviewers: Please provide point to point answer to all reviewers. Authors should revise their article according to the reviewers’ comments/suggestions and provide point-by-point responses to each in a letter that is to accompany their resubmission.

Response: Thank you very much for your feedback, and we have revised our response to the reviewer's comments to comply with standard formatting and language conventions.

---2 We are very pleased to receive your revised manuscript (No. 93103). However, after our verification, we found that there are still major language problems in the revised manuscript you submitted. The manuscript will require further language polishing, to fix all grammatical, syntactical, formatting and other related errors, in order to meet the publication requirement (Grade A).

Now, you are requested to send the revised manuscript to a professional English language editing company or a native English-speaking expert to polish the language further. When you submit the subsequent polished manuscript to us, you must provide a language certificate along with it. Once this step is completed, your manuscript will be quickly accepted and published online. Please visit the following website for the professional English language editing companies we recommend: https://www.wjgnet.com/bpg/gerinfo/240.
Response: Thank you very much for your feedback. The article has been revised by a professional company and a proof of the revision has been provided.

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Uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, “Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...”.

Response: We have provided the requested pictures of the article to the magazine.

---4 The fund number provided does not match the one in the manuscript, please check.

Response: Thank you for your thorough investigation. We can confirm that the fund number is correct and have provided a page with the relevant fund numbers. “The National Natural Science Foundation of China (No. 82104989)”.

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Response: Thank you very much, we have made the changes you asked for.