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Response:

Dear editors and reviewers

Thanks for your time and effort and for considering our manuscript for possible publication.

Below are responses to the issues raised by the reviewers. All modifications are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

Responses to reviewer: Kehu Yang

Reviewer's Comment 1:

In the section of "Study design", the authors reported "Original researches will include: RCT, cohort, case-control and case series. We will exclude case reports and studies that included fewer than ten patients." The inclusion criteria and exclusion criteria are contradictory. When including RCT, cohort, case-control and case series, there is no case report among the included studies. Thus, I suggest the authors remove case reports here.

Response: “case reports” has been removed.

The modification was performed in page 5.