

## Peer Review File

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### Reviewer's Comments

**Question 1.** Page 2 Line 32, Page 4 Line 84 and Page 7 Line 146: please write 1420 and 5.3 in words because it is the beginning of a sentence.

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 2 Line 34, Page 4 Line 86 and Page 7 Line 150).

**Question 2.** Page 4 Line 80: please specify the significance of "MDAR"

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 4, line 83). In the section, it was written that "We present the following article in accordance with the Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR) checklist."

**Question 3.** Page 6 Line 120: I guess there is a typo, should ANOVA be read instead of ANOV?

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 6 Line 124).

**Question 4.** Page 6 Line 121: please specify the significance of "M (P25, P75).

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 4, line 124). In the section, it was written that " $C_{\text{SSC-1h}}$  were expressed as medium and quartile M (P25, P75), and compared using the rank test."

**Question 5.** Page 14 Line 294: Please clarify the last sentence of the conclusion.

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 14, line 298). In the section, it was written that "There were no statistical differences in  $C_{\text{SSC-1h}}$  of public hospitals and private hospitals, so development of private hospitals will not reduce  $C_{\text{SSC-1h}}$ ."

**Question 6.** Please follow the attached "Submission Checklist for Authors" and revise

your paper if needed.

**Response:** We have followed the attached “Submission Checklist for Authors”.

**Question 7.** The article already followed a Checklist for reporting standards. Please place “Y” in the “Submission Checklist for Authors”.

**Response:** We present the article in accordance with the Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR) checklist. We have placed “Y” in the “Submission Checklist for Authors”.

**Question 8.** “Data Sharing Statement” is a statement made by authors to confirm their willingness of sharing raw data/patient information related to the article with others.

**Response:** We make a Data Sharing Statement as advised to confirm our willingness of sharing raw data/patient information related to the article with others.

**Question 9.** Conflict of Interest (COI) Form must be provided, as suggested by ICMJE: (<http://www.icmje.org/conflicts-of-interest/>). Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information.

**Response:** Each author submits a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information.

**Question 10.** Please indicate if any of the authors serves as a current Editorial Team member (such as Editors-in-Chief, Editorial Board Member, Section Editor) for this journal.

**Response:** None of the authors serves as a current Editorial Team member for this journal.

**Question 11.** Please confirm that all figures/tables in your manuscript are original; if not, permission is needed from the copyright holder for the reproduction.

**Response:** All tables in our manuscript are original. There is no figure in our

manuscript.

**Question 12.** We are using the attached Submission Checklist to double-check your manuscript, place “Y” on blank space if you confirm your manuscript has followed the requirement. Place “N/A” if not applicable. If further explanation is needed on a certain item, you can copy the Item and write explanations down below. A filled “Submission Checklist for Authors” should be submitted to the editorial office, along with other required documents.

**Response:** We submit a filled “Submission Checklist for Authors” as advised.

**Question 13.** The wordings of the main text and/or figures/tables should be checked by a native English-speaking expert who is majoring in your field. The use of medical writing service or an assisting language checker should be acknowledged.

**Response:** The wordings of the main text was be checked by AJE.

**Question 14.** “The” has been incorrectly omitted throughout the text. e.g., “Effects of hospital level and ownership on compliance of SSC guidelines 1-hour bundle (Cssc-1h) are unclear.”

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised.

**Question 15.** Incorrect word forms have been used. e.g., “Sepsis has become the most concerned disease in critical care medicine due to its high morbidity and mortality.”

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 3, line 61). In the section, it was written that "Sepsis has become the most-watched disease in critical care medicine due to its high morbidity and mortality"

**Question 16.** The text is grammatically inconsistent in places. e.g., “Primary hospitals rarely admit and treat patients with septic shock. Secondary hospital is the main body of diagnosis and treatment of septic shock.”

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 4, line 70). In the section,

it was written that "Primary hospitals rarely admit and treat patients with septic shock. Secondary hospitals are the main body of diagnosis and treatment of septic shock."

**Question 17.** Tenses have been used incorrectly and inconsistently. e.g., "Based on data obtained from this survey, we will analyze effects of hospital level and ownership on Cssc-1h in septic shock in China. Then, we try to find out which medical quality indicators affected Cssc-1 h in septic shock in China."

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 5, line 105). In the section, it was written that "Based on data obtained from this survey, we analyzed the effects of hospital level and ownership on Cssc-1h in septic shock in China. Then, we tried to find out which medical quality indicators affected Cssc-1 h in septic shock in China."

**Question 18.** Some terms and phrases sound awkward or unnatural to a native English speaker. e.g., "Nurses / beds of ICU"

**Response:** We have modified our text as advised (see Page 7, line 143 and Tab. 6). In the section, it was written that "Nurse to patient ratio of ICU".