

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10105-review.doc).

**Title:** MiR-146a rs2910164 polymorphism increases the risk of gastric cancer: A meta-analysis

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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

(1) I have altered figure 1 according to the comprehensive electronic search and the word "compressive" has been changed to "comprehensive".

(2) I have changed the comparison of "G vs. G" to the comparison of "G vs. C" in the "Results" of Abstract and Results.

(3) I have the "Conclusion" of Abstract more specified.

(4) I have changed the "only Articles published in a language were included" in the "Publication Search" of "Material and methods" to "only articles published in English were included"

(5) The full wording of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) was shown in the first time in this manuscript.

(6) As for quality of studies, we assessed the quality of studies according to a set of predetermined criteria which was extracted from the study of Wang et al and the cut-off value of 12 also chosen from the study. As can be seen in table, the scores of the included studies ranged from 9 (the lowest) to 16 (the highest).

(7) Regarding the "Sensitivity Analysis", the results suggested that no individual study significantly altered the pooled ORs. We acquired the results by omitting one single study each time, so the figures were many more and we did not include the figures in our manuscript.

(8) In "Discussion", I have modified the results of heterogeneity when stratified analysis by subgroup.

(9) I have modified the language of my manuscript according to language evaluation after reading a lot of articles written in English.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xie WQ'.

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