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**Title:** Causes and consequences of microsatellite instability in gastric carcinogenesis

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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 suggestion of the reviewer and changes have been highlighted in the revised manuscript. We have reformulated the section about *Helicobacter pylori* infection and genetic instability and elaborated on the putative mechanisms through which *H. pylori* may contribute to neoplastic transformation by inducing genomic instability.
3. References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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