

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16464-edited-download).

**Title: IMPACT OF CLINICAL PATHWAY ON TREATMENT OUTCOME IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE PANCREATITIS**

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Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

1. Acute pancreatitis is classified according new updated Atlanta criteria.
2. The Abstract is corrected.
3. The Discussion section is shortened.
4. The organization of tables has been changed and simplified. Table number 3 was excluded.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the editor:

1. Copyright Assignment form in PDF format is attached
2. Audio file describing the final core tip by the first author is attached
3. The ethics approval document in PDF format is attached
4. Running title of less than 6 words was added
5. Biostatistics was performed by experienced biostatistics. Unfortunately, she died last year and consequently Biostatistics statement is not attached. Statistical analysis was performed with the statistical program SPSS, version 20. For testing independent and continuous variables, we used the t-test. The relationship of nominal variables was tested by Pearson's chi-square test or the Fisher's exact probability test. A probability of less than 5% was taken to indicate statistical significance.
6. Informed consent was not obtained as the presented data are anonymized (the analysis was retrospective).
7. Background (Aim) of Abstract was corrected (no more than 20 words with clearly stated purpose of the study).
8. Conclusion of the Abstract was corrected (no more than 26 words).
9. Core tip was added.
10. All reference numbers were reformatted throughout the text (superscript with square brackets).
11. Comments were added.
12. All PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation were added to the reference list.
13. Author contributions are added.

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

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