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Reviewing Editor
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Dear Dr. Jing Yu

We are resubmitting to the World Journal of Gastroenterology our review entitled: "*Helicobacter pylori*-induced inflammation and epigenetic changes during gastric carcinogenesis" by Manuel A Valenzuela, Jimena Canales, Alejandro H Corvalán and Andrew F G Quest.

In this article (Manuscript Number 19995), we reviewed the available literature concerning the mechanisms by which *Helicobacter pylori*-associated inflammation triggers epigenetic changes that contribute to the development of gastric cancer. The reviewers evaluated positively the initial manuscript and suggested minor changes were required prior to publication. Also, comments by the editor indicated that the revised manuscript needed to be altered to meet journal requirements. We have carefully considered these issues and addressed them in a point-by-point response that follows. Additionally, we subjected our manuscript to revision using the website "iThenticate" and the corresponding certificate is attached. All changes made to the manuscript since submission are highlighted.

We would like to thank the editor and reviewers for their positive comments and we believe that by addressing them the quality of the manuscript has improved. In that we have carefully considered all points we are also convinced that the manuscript should now be acceptable for publication.

Should there be any doubts or concerns do not hesitate to contact us

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Point-by-point response to reviewer comments

1. Reviewer comments:

Reviewer 01850720 comment:

This is a well-written review that comprehensively covers many aspects of H. pylori mediated epigenetic regulation. I would recommend this article for publication. (No more comments).

We thank this reviewer for the highly favorable evaluation of our manuscript.

Reviewer 03009715 comment:

"I like the sequence of ideas in the manuscript but please try to give numbers for titles and subtitles to be more organized". (No more comments)

Again we thank the reviewer for this positive evaluation and have included the suggestion in the current manuscript.

2. Editorial requirements: The manuscript has been updated according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision-Review. The main changes are highlighted in yellow throughout manuscript. Note, however, that we did not include a postal code (PC) for the Advanced Center for Chronic Diseases (ACCDiS) because this is a multi-institutional center with people working in different parts of Santiago, i.e. with different postal codes.

3. The Audio Core Tip has been attached and appears in the manuscript prior to the introduction section

4. The manuscript was subjected to CrossCheck analysis and the final title to screening using Google Scholar. Images of results obtained from these evaluations are attached.

5. This manuscript was edited by a native English speaker (AFGQ)

6. The Copyright Assignment form was signed by each author and the PDF file is attached.