

## Point by point response to WJG Manuscript 2330.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise the paper. We have carefully followed all the recommendations.

1. The title has been shortened.
2. A running title has been added.
3. The results section in the abstract is now more detailed and up to 116 words.
4. The references are modified and cited correctly in the paper, all authors are provided together with PMID numbers.
5. The ISRCTN number of the master study has been provided.
6. the authors should revise their paper with special attention to the following remarks
7. Authors are sure this a case control study
8. We had changed that label for "a descriptive study of a sub-group ...."
9. In the second paragraph the sentence , adding the following words : " the present study does provide unique data on cytokine profiles in patients with chronic advanced pancreatitis at their end disease stage receiving antioxidant therapy and in a matched cohort receiving placebo and provides negative results which should be regarded as important pilot data.
10. It is clear there is no differences between patients treated or not . Therefore the final statement in the discussion change it by " circulating cytokine levels are low suggesting that pain in this disease is not simply a manifestation of ongoing inflammation. It could be the result of the inflammation tissue damage caused long time ago