

COVER LETTER

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the full-text manuscript in Word format (file name wjg-2016-03478635-topichighlight.doc).

Title: Regulation of CTNNB1 signaling in gastric cancer and stem cells.

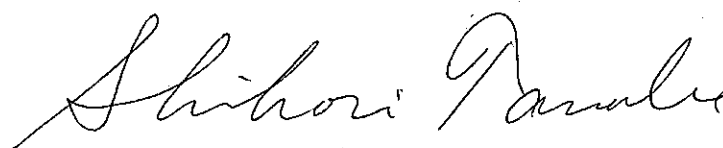
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It is my great honor to send you the invited Topic Highlight manuscript for World Journal of Gastroenterology. It is described that CTNNB1 (beta-catenin) signaling plays an important role in gastric cancer and stem cells in this article. Wnt/beta-catenin signaling in WNT pathway promotes proliferation of the cells and maintains stem cells. Wnt/beta-catenin pathway is essential to the epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT).

The content of the manuscript is original and it has not been published or accepted for publication, either in whole or in part, in any form. No part of the manuscript is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Shihori Tanabe'.

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