

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3023-review.doc).

Title: Expression of MMP-9 increased and associated with recurrence in gastric ulcer

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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 suggestions of the reviewer

(1) The manuscript by Zhao et al compared MMP-9 and TIMP-1 levels in GU patients with chronic superficial gastritis (SG) patients. The manuscript is well written. The figures and tables are very good. It can be published in WJG after some editing of the format.

Answer: Thank you

(2) This article is well written, and it can be published.

Answer: Thank you.

(3) This is a study compared MMP-9 and TIMP-1 levels in gastric ulcer (GU) patients with chronic superficial gastritis (SG). This study enrolled 63 patients with gastric ulcer and 25 patients with superficial gastritis. The authors measured the levels of MMP-9 and TIMP-1 from the tissues. The authors found that the Levels of MMP-9 and TIMP-1 at the ulcer site or in the antrum were significantly higher in GU than SG patients. MMP-9 levels at the ulcer site were significantly higher than in the antrum in GU patients, and had a significantly positive correlation with TIMP-1. They concluded that the MMP-9 may perform an important function in gastric ulcer and GU recurrence. Over all, the manuscript is well written, and it can be publish after minor correction:

Special comment:

1. Please make attention for some abbreviation, such as: "H. pylori", "PPIs".

Answer: Thank you. We checked again about the abbreviations.

2. The ref. numbers should be re-format according to the journal's format.

Answer: Thank you. We updated the format according to the format for brief article.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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