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Science Editor, Editorial Office

Re: Manuscript NO: 34881 – Manuscript revision

Dear Dr. Gong,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The reviewer's comments were appreciated and we have accordingly revised the manuscript (with revisions highlighted in yellow). Following are point-by-point responses following the steps suggested by the editors.

**Step 1. Please revise your manuscript according to each of the reviewers' comments.**

**(A) Reviewer 03494395 said:** "I would like to emphasize that your contribution has been highly valued, considering its significant future impact on this issue. The authors provided the complete review of this issue. The manuscript is interesting. The manuscript adds to the knowledge base. The authors can consider to cite the following related paper. 1. Liao, K. F., P. T. Huang, et al. (2017). "Fluvastatin use and risk of acute pancreatitis: a population-based case-control study in Taiwan." Biomedicine-Taiwan 7(3): 16-20. 2. Lin, C. M., K. F. Liao, et al. (2017). "Use of Simvastatin and Risk of Acute Pancreatitis: A Nationwide Case-Control Study in Taiwan." J Clin Pharmacol 16(10): 881. 3. Lai, S. W., C. L. Lin, et al. (2016). "Atorvastatin Use Associated with Acute Pancreatitis: A Case-Control Study in Taiwan." Medicine 95(7): 0000000000002545. 4. Lai, S. W., C. L. Lin, et al. (2015). "Rosuvastatin and risk of acute pancreatitis in a population-based case-control study." Int J Cardiol 187: 417-420." **Classification Grade A (Excellent), Language evaluation Grade A: priority publishing, Conclusion: Accept.**

**Answer:** we appreciate the favorable comments made by the reviewers. The suggestions made were incorporated in the manuscript in the second paragraph of page 10 as follows:

Lipid lowering agents are indicated in the management of HTGP <sup>27</sup>. However, this is further complicated by the association between statin therapy and the development of acute pancreatitis. A series of case-control studies in Taiwan demonstrated that individuals using a statin therapy for the first time are more likely to develop an episode acute pancreatitis when compared to individuals who are not on statin therapy. These studies included Simvastatin (OR 1.3, 95% CI 1.02-1.73), Atrovastatin (OR 1.67, 95% confidence interval 1.18-2.38), and Rosuvastatin (OR 3.21, 95% CI 1.70-6.06) <sup>30-33</sup>.

**(B) Reviewer 03494395 said: “Good case and well presented.” Classification Grade B (Very good), Language evaluation Grade B: minor language polishing. Conclusion: Accept.**

**Answer:** we appreciate the favorable comments made by the reviewers. The manuscript will be adjusted in accordance with the World Journal of Gastroenterology guidelines and requirements for manuscript revision.