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Dear Editor,



We very much appreciate the fast review of our manuscript, which has helped us to improve the quality of the manuscript. We addressed the points raised by you and the reviewers and resubmitted the revised manuscript. The point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments are detailed below.

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6674-Review).

Title: Methylation-mediated Gene Silencing as Biomarkers of Gastric Cancer: A Review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. According to the reviewer's comment (00044980), we additionally described correlation between gastric intestinal metaplasia and DNA methylation. (page 7, line 5~)
2. Page 7, line 22; As pointed out by the reviewer (00044980), we corrected the sentence.
3. Font of genes were changed into italic font.
4. Table 1; According to the reviewer's suggestion (00035184), we added the footnote that indicates the full-spellings of "MSP" and "Q-MSP".
5. Figures 1 and 2, and Tables 2 and 3 were omitted.
6. Misspellings were corrected.
7. The manuscript was revised by English language editing company (American Journal Experts).
Please find the enclosed recommendation letter from AJE.

All the revision we made is written by blue font.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J. Nakamura'.

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