

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6682-review.doc).

Title: Role of microRNAs in gastric cancer

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We revised our manuscript point by point according to reviewer's suggestions.

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

Reviewed by 02676730

(1) A brief introduction on microRNA feature and mode of action should be included in the Introduction section.

Thank you for your suggestion. According to your suggestion, we add the sentence about microRNA feature and mode of action in the introduction line8-12

(2)The paragraph titles are not always clear and sufficiently informative. The authors should consider renaming some of the paragraphs to improve reader understanding (especially paragraph 3 and 4).

According to your suggestion, we change the paragraph titles of 3 and 4.

(3) Even if the simplicity of the text is appreciated, the sections are often not very descriptive. The authors just describe some randomly selected examples of microRNAs. They should at least introduce a briefly overview of the state of art to allow a better match between the text and the reported tables (1-3).

According to your suggestions, we add the sentences to introduce briefly in each paragraph.

(4) Table 1 and 2 are wrongly united. Lastly, the authors need to check expression and spelling from beginning to end of this manuscript, although they don't make obstacle to understanding.

We checked the spelling in the manuscript and we improved Table.1 and 2.

Reviewed by 02521150

(1)microRNAs are involved in gastric cancer establishment and progression. This review complements the authors own data with the recent bibliography on this subject. It is a good review and consists of several topics of relevance to treatment, such as the chapters on miRNAs as prognostic factors, role in chemosensitivity, and relationship with H. pylori infection. I would have appreciated the presence of a description on circulating microRNAs (usually also upregulated within cancer cells), since their detection could avoid the sampling of tumor tissue and biopsy specimen

According to your suggestion, we added a new table 4 and new paragraph circulating microRNA. We mentioned about circulating microRNAs.

Reviewed by 02676238

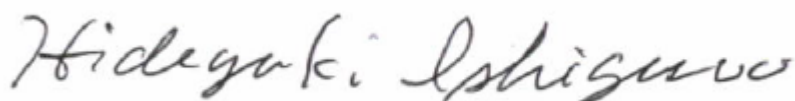
(1)MiRNAs are a subset of small noncoding RNA molecules which are involved in cancer development and progression by acting as potential oncogenes or tumor -suppressor genes. In this paper, the author gives a systemic review about the role of miRNAs in the gastric cancer, including abnormal expression of miRNAs, working as prognostic factor or chemosensitivity predictor, association with HP infection. The paper helps us to better understand the development of gastric cancer and provides a novel therapeutic targets. There are some spelling mistakes should be corrected.

According to your suggestion, we corrected misspelling in our manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Hideyuki Ishiguro". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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