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Title: Epigenetic dysregulation in Epstein-Barr virus-associated gastric carcinoma: disease and treatments

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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.
 - I. Table 3: This table describes how miRNAs directly up-regulate EBV genes, and indirectly up-regulate genes in the host cell (gastric epithelium) to promote carcinogenesis. It does not describe target cells. We have clarified this point within the table and the manuscript.
 - II. Table 3: The EBV-driven miRNAs and their target genes are not gastric specific. We have clarified this point within the table by modifying the sub-headings, and also within the manuscript.
 - III. Table 4: We have now provided more information about the hypermethylated genes within the manuscript. The table has been updated to include the references for each gene. Furthermore, we have gone into detail about p16, SSTR1, Indian Hedgehog (IHH), FAM3B, and GSTP1 within the text.
 - IV. The target genes for carcinogenesis and tumour development are addressed in Figure 1, Table 3, as well as Table 4. Moreover, we have now discussed several genes in detail within the text. We feel this has significantly improved the manuscript.
 - V. Figure 1: We have expanded the explanation for this diagram by including a figure legend.
 - VI. All abbreviations used within the manuscript, including EBVnGC, are now listed in full.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

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