

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8292_review.docx).

Title: COPD as a risk factor for lung cancer.

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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) On request to update lung cancer mortality reported by WHO 2008.

Response: I accessed to the WHO homepage at January 18, 2014 to find that the data was the latest one reported by WHO. Therefore, we did not change this part in the manuscript.

(2) On request to add information regarding to underlining diseases that COPD could contribute to death from them.

Response: They include pneumonia, ischemic heart diseases and heart failure. The explanation was added to the revised manuscript.

(3) As to literature citation regarding to the genetic association between COPD and lung cancer.

Response: New literatures #6 and 7 were added.

(4) The word "overcoming" was replaced to the words "resolving the problems of", according to the reviewer's suggestion.

(5) As to using different statistic terms to the same study (citation #20).

Response: The statistic expression is uniform in the revised manuscript.

(6) The word "glorious" was replaced to the word "great", according to the reviewer's suggestion.

(7) On request to add relative risks for lung cancer according to parameters indicative for COPD and interstitial lung diseases.

Response: They are now added in the revised manuscript.

(8) On request to add a brief explanation to tiotropium.

Response: A brief explanation of it being a long-acting anticholinergic bronchodilator is added in the revised manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuichi Takiguchi'.

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