

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10365-review.doc).

**Title:** Effect of somatostatin in advanced gastric cancer patients followed D2 radical gastrectomy

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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) For reconsideration for publication the authors must give a much better conclusion with recommendations of the application of somatostatin analogues.

**Answer:** This study was aimed to explore the effect of somatostatin for patients with advanced gastric cancer who received radical standardized surgery. This conclusion included the answers for the primary endpoint (overall postoperative complications) and secondary endpoint (The pancreatitis and pancreatic fistula).

(2) In which cases it is offered, how long, which dosage? Financial point of view would be necessary to be presented! What is the price of somatostatin analogues and how much the complications costs?

**Answer:** The first question talked about "In which cases it is offered, how long, which dosage?", I mentioned it in the "Randomization and implementation", part of the "Materials and methods". All the patients in the study group received a 5-day course of continuous intravenous 250  $\mu$ g/h using a micropump daily and the ones in the control group were given the equivalent amount of normal saline intravenously as placebo control. I agreed with the reviews opinion that the financial point should be presented in our article. I rewrote the article and presented it in the end of the first and second paragraphs of the result part.

(3) The manuscript contains many grammatical mistakes like: in the abstract "Differencies" "differencies" capital letters at the midst of the sentence, small letter at the beginning of the sentence

**Answer:** The grammatical mistakes were corrected.

(4) One sentence is not understandable in the results part of the abstract.

**Answer:** I checked the sentence in the results part of the abstract carefully but I don't know which sentence should be further revised. Thanks for the review further opinion.

(5) In the introduction part vagina vasorum is small at the beginning of a sentence.

**Answer:** I add the importance and effect of Vagina vasorum dissection in the introduction part.

(6) In the "Randomization" part it is written that the patients got 250  $\mu$ g/h of something.

We can find out, that it would be any kind of somatostatin analogue product. It needs to be written which product it was.

**Answer:** I have add the trade name and company name in the "Randomization and implementation" parts of the "Materials and methods".

(7) There is just a few words of the doctors who completed this operations. It must be emphasized that the same group of phisicians have done this operations both groups! If didn't, the results are not valuable.

**Answer:** I emphasized all the expertises were in the same treatment department in the in the first paragraph of "Surgical procedure and perioperative treatment " parts of the "Materials and methods".

(8) Table 1. There is no unit of measurement. It must be completed. After Bormann type: four boxes. What does it mean?

**Answer:** Thanks for the reviews opinion. i add the unit of measurement if needed in table 1. The four boxes after Bormann type means the number of patients with the corresponding Bormann type.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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