

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10549-review.doc).

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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 as follows:

(1) **Reviewer 44289:**

- a. *"This reviewer wonders if a limitation of the literature search to articles written in English language would make any difference – probably no important information would be lost in this context."*

Response: This review was based on a strict inclusion and exclusion criteria which incorporating the vast majority of main stream journals. This is by default a selection criterion and has highlighted that the articles were restricted to English language articles in the methods. This is an accepted limitation of the review and has been commented upon in the discussion.

- b. *"On the title page, the authors' contributions are explained. However, in the "Methods" part of the manuscript, appropriate information on this should be added."*

Response: This has been added to the methods section.

- c. *"In general, evaluation of the identified abstracts by one single person only is of some concern. Thus, this part of the project is a true limitation, and should be addressed accordingly by the authors."*

Response: The search criteria, inclusion and exclusion criteria were predefined for the purpose of the review. Following these computer directed filters 52 articles remained. All these were included and analysed. The number of articles analysed was independent of the author number as the criteria for selection had been predefined. This has been clarified in the methods.

- d. *"The Discussion is rather extensive, and could probably be shortened to improve readability, and to focus on "take home messages"."*

Response: We have shortened the discussion. We have endeavored to make the "take home message" clear.

- e. *"The references should be cited in the appropriate format of the Journal, and should be*

consistent."

Response: The format of the references has been modified according to the Journal's guideline

(2) Reviewer 503618:

- a. *The tables provided are a nice adjunct to the paper but would be greatly enhanced if the authors provided a one or two sentence summary of the findings from each article.*

Response: This is possible however would make the tables very unwieldy (52 articles). If required we can add this critique.

- b. *The authors should also provide some specific data from the more important articles cited so that the reader may have more information from which to draw conclusions.*

Response: We have attempted to do this in the discussion and also have outlined key paper results in the summary of results section.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology Endoscopy (WJGE)*.

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