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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12196-review.docx).

Title: HIF-1alpha -1790G>A polymorphism significantly increased the risk of digestive tract cancer: a meta-analysis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated and the language of this manuscript has been revised by the American Journal Expert (Certificate Verification Key: 4A97-95DB-B6F0-9EE4-9E9F).

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) To reviewer "00503540": Thanks for you positive and constructive comments. In deed, "digestive tract cancer" consists of various kinds of cancer, which have different characteristics. As known, it is to perform a meta-analysis for a specific kind of cancer. However, in this meta-analysis the number of studies for a certain cancer is too small for an independent meta-analysis. On the other hand, to access the association of HIF-1alpha polymorphism and cancer risk for individual cancer, we have conducted sub-group analyses according to cancer types, such as oral cancer, pancreatic cancer, and colorectal cancer.

(2) To reviewer "00043819": Thanks for you positive and constructive comments. Though digestive tract cancer include various kinds of cancer, they are all differentiated from epithelial tissues or adeno tissues and share a lot of comments. Additionally, it is common to perform combined analysis for digestive tract cancer, such as *Du H et al. PLoS One. 2014,9(5):e96301*, *Li P et al. Clin Nutr. 2014,33(3):415-20*. As known, it is to perform a meta-analysis for a specific kind of cancer. However, in this meta-analysis the number of studies for a certain cancer is too small for an independent meta-analysis. On the other hand, to access the association of HIF-1alpha polymorphism and cancer risk for individual cancer, we have conducted sub-group analyses according to cancer types, such as oral cancer, pancreatic cancer, and colorectal cancer.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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