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Dear Editor,

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

1. The format has been updated
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

(1) Response to Reviewer 12265's comments

We are grateful to the reviewer for the useful comments and suggestions, which have helped us to improve our paper.

1. The weak points of GA/HbA1c ratio should be described.

Thank you for your helpful comment. In the revised version, we included new sentences to describe the limitations of the GA/HbA1c ratio (page 16, lines 9-18).

2. Table 3. Except various CLDs, AUROC for diagnosis should be described to compare the existing biomarkers and discuss the comparison in the text.

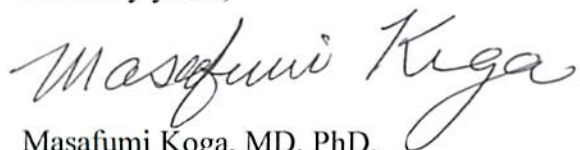
Thank you for your valuable comments. Since our previous papers regarding the GA/HbA1c ratio did not include the AUROC data, we cannot review the diagnostic performance of the GA/HbA1c ratio in comparison to those of other biomarkers. However, we believe such information is interesting and important, and we have included an additional sentence in the revised manuscript (page 15, line 24-page 16, line 2).

(2) Response to Reviewer 39434's comments

According to the reviewer's comment, we have made use of a copyediting service provided by an English language editing company, and our manuscript was checked by two native speakers. We hereby enclose a letter of certification of English editing from the company with the revised text.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Masafumi Koga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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