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**Dear Prof. Lian-Sheng Ma and Prof. Ya-Juan Ma,**

This is a letter of re-submission accompanying the manuscript “The challenge of deciphering the gastric cancer heterogeneity”, submitted to World Journal of Gastroenterology (Reference number: Manuscript NO.: 18688).

I am grateful for the opportunity to revise the manuscript. I would also like to thank the reviewers for critical reading of this study and valuable suggestions. In accompanying Response Letter I have addressed all of the reviewers’ comments and revised the manuscript accordingly. Every change is documented individually in the accompanying letter and presented in red text in the revised manuscript.

The manuscript was also sent for editing to one of the suggested English language editing company, American Journal Experts. All of their suggested changes were accepted and inserted into the manuscript. The Language Editing Certificate is provided as an attachment to re-submission.

The manuscript was subjected to an application that checks for plagiarism. Our institution has a subscription to the service “TurnItIn”, which is a global leader for originality checking. The application offers the same checking software iThenticate as “CrossCheck”. The results of the process are provided as separate pdf file.

I sincerely hope that the revisions are satisfactory and that the manuscript meets the requirements for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: Response Letter to reviews (below)

**Subject: Response Letter**

**Date: June 18, 2015**

Below are listed responses to Reviewers' comments for the manuscript "The challenge of deciphering the gastric cancer heterogeneity", submitted to World Journal of Gastroenterology (Reference number: Manuscript NO.: 18688).

At this point I would like to thank the reviewers for constructive comments and helpful suggestions. I am grateful for your advice and formatting suggestions, as they have been very helpful and improved the quality of the manuscript. I have addressed all of the comments and I hope that I revised the manuscript accordingly.

Sincerely,  
Author

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**Reviewer #1/Editor Comments:**

**Comment 1:** The title must be informative, specific, and brief (Title should be no more than 10~12 words/60 bytes. Please revise it). Words should be chosen carefully for retrieval purposes. All nonfunctional words should be deleted, such as 'the', 'studies on', 'observations of', and 'roles of', etc.

I thank the Editor for this comment. I changed the title accordingly and deleted the non-functional words. The change is marked in red in the manuscript.

**Comment 2:** Please add these content, which must be provided, otherwise the manuscript will be unaccepted finally.

The author appreciates the comment. I have added the information regarding the Conflict of Interest. It is marked in red in the manuscript.

**Comment 3:** Only one corresponding address should be provided. Author names should be given first, then author title, affiliation, the complete name of institution, city, postcode, province, country, and email. Thank you!

I have provided only one corresponding author and one address as suggested. I also followed the suggested order of components of the affiliation. The change is marked in red.

**Comment 4:** Please read the core tip then provide the audio core tip: Acceptable file formats: .mp3, .wav, or .aiff; Maximum file size: 10 MB; To achieve the best quality, don't allow to have the noise.

Thank you for this comment. I have recorded the Core tip and provided the audio file in the mp3 format.

## **Reviewer #2**

It is my pleasure to review this article titled "The challenge of deciphering the gastric cancer heterogeneity". And I appreciate the effort you devoting. As the author mentioned that this article summarizes the evidence of heterogeneous gastric cancer molecular changes. And though previous researches have explored numerous common DNA, RNA or protein aberrations in predicting the incidence and development of gastric cancer, the question, how to establish biomarkers depicting these common traits remains unanswered regarding gastric cancer. Clinical investigation may therefore warranted for the identification of specific biomarkers. The topic is interesting and well performed that deserve public attention. But you may want to delete some less important keywords.

The author would like to thank the reviewer for the comments and constructive opinion. I appreciate your suggestion regarding the keywords and I deleted less important keywords. I also updated the keywords using MeSH Vocabulary service in order to more accurately reflect the topic of the manuscript. This section, on page 2, is marked in red.

The manuscript was also subjected to editing service. All of the suggested changes were accepted and inserted into the manuscript. The Language Editing Certificate is provided as an attachment to re-submission.

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