

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



29, 04, 2013

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2818-edited.doc).

**Title:** Prediction of the severity of acute pancreatitis on admission by urinary trypsinogen activation peptide: a meta-analysis

**Author:** Wei Huang, Kiran Altaf, Tao Jin, Jun-Jie Xiong, Li Wen, Muhammad A. Javed, Marianne Johnstone, Ping Xue, Christopher M. Halloran, Qing Xia

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 2818

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

Many thanks for both reviewers' comments. There were no questions from reviewer 1 and the following answers were for reviewer 2.

(1) Q1: We have amended the text as suggested by reviewer 2;

(2) Q2: We have changed the original sentence to 'three for diagnosing acute pancreatitis but not for assessing severity' as suggested;

(3) Q3: The Legend for Figure 3 has been added;

(4) Q4: The supplementary documents of revised Atlanta Classifications mentioned the use of uTAP. Now I have re-worded: 'It is unsurprising, therefore, that the revised Atlanta Classification<sup>[38]</sup> (supplementary) introduces the use of uTAP for severity stratification although it has not been widely adopted as of yet in the clinical arena.'

(5) Q5:  $I^2$  values have been added; Clinical aspects for potential contribution to the heterogeneity have been discussed; A funnel plot for publication bias has also been generated showing that there was publication bias ( $P = 0.001$ ).

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

Ping XUE, MD, PhD

Sichuan Provincial Pancreatitis Center,

Department of Integrated Traditional Chinese and Western Medicine,

West China Hospital

Sichuan University

China

Fax: +86-28-8542-3373

E-mail: [sppc.wch.scu@gmail.com](mailto:sppc.wch.scu@gmail.com)