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To the editor,

World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Editor,

We are submitting to you our revised manuscript "THE EFFECTS OF DISEASE SEVERITY AND NECROSIS ON BOTH EXOCRINE AND ENDOCRINE DYSFUNCTION IN ACUTE PANCREATITIS " to be considered for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

We certify that we have participated sufficiently in the work take public responsibility for the appropriateness of the method, collection, analysis and interpretation of the data.

We have reviewed the final version of the manuscript and approve it for publication. To the best of our knowledge and belief, this manuscript has not been published in whole or in part nor is it being considered for publication elsewhere.

We hope that you find our work appropriate for publication in your journal and look forward to receiving the results of your review.

Sincerely,

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To the editor,

We revised the manuscript under reviewer's comment. There were,

1-“to evaluate the time between the onset of acute pancreatitis (AP) and the development of exocrine and endocrine insufficiency”

It is not possible to evaluate or determine the interval time period of the developing of organ insufficiency with these data. Because the evaluation of both exocrine and endocrine tests were made only one time and at the time of follow up period. Therefore, we have not any cut-off time in terms of development of organ insufficiency .

2- The explanation of “why FPE-1 is not an ideal test” is added in page 8.

3- The last sentence of the discussion was excluded.

4- Statistical significance of data was added in the abstract.

5- Actually, we did not ask the steathorea rate to the patients individually.

6- Enzyme supplementation rate was added in the results section.

7- “which is the critical level of FPE-1: *The critical level is 200 µg/g stools which were accepted as critical level in previous studies.*