

9th December 2016,
Editor-in-Chief WJGPT

Subject: Manuscript for Mini-review; ESPS Manuscript NO: 30827.

Dear Editor-in-Chief WJGPT,

This is in regards to manuscript for Mini review, titled ‘Update on clinical and research application of fecal biomarkers for gastrointestinal diseases’ to be considered for publication in WJGPT. All changes suggested by reviewers are corrected in manuscript and also mentioned one by one below.

I. Reviewer’s code: 00068559

The author gave a concise and helpful review on fecal biomarkers for gastrointestinal diseases. Hope to give a discuss about common and different clinical significance of the biomarkers for gastrointestinal diseases in fecal, serological, and urinary.

Response: The Discussion is rewritten to better summarize the content of review.

II. Reviewer’s code: 01047575

This review aiming to evaluating the current understanding of the fecal biomarkers for clinical and research use in gastrointestinal diseases provides us some updated points. But the manuscript is not well prepared. 1. The abstract is not well organized. An abstract should summarize the main content of the article well. 2. The two parts (A and B) should be combined together, which makes readers understand a biomarker more easily. 3. The advantages and disadvantages of every biomarker should be listed. 4. The other aspects of a biomarker, such as prognostic value should be noted too. 5. The part of discussion are too short to summarize the article well. 6. The style of reference is unqualified.

Response: Abstract is rephrased to better summarize the content of review. The two parts A & B are now merged. Advantages and disadvantages of all markers are added in tables now.

Prognostic values of the markers of established use is added now. The Discussion is rewritten to better summarize the content of review. References are edited according to journal recommendations.

III. Reviewer’s code: 01554907

This paper makes an extensive review on the current status of fecal biomarkers utilization with established indications and discuss those with potential clinical use in future. This article is clearly and well written.

Hope the explanation above will satisfy your concerns, looking forward to hearing from you for a positive response.

Thanks and regards

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