

To
The Scientific Editor
World Journal of Gastroenterology

Subject: Manuscript No. 32822. Response to reviewers comments and submission of revised manuscript for publication of invited article

Dear Sir,

I would like to first thank you for scrutinizing our manuscript (number 32822) titled “Continuing episodes of pain in recurrent acute pancreatitis: prospective follow up on a standardised protocol with drugs and pancreatic endotherapy” for consideration for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. I herewith submit the response to the reviewers comments and submission of the revised manuscript for publication.

Response to reviewer’s comments for the manuscript no. 32822:

Reviewer’s code: 00503530

Comments to authors: VAS, QOL, C-peptide, F-elastase are improved in DT and ET. I think that DT, ET are treated in combination with a condition. The standardized protocol is common. I think the contents of the article to be common knowledge.

Responding to reviewer 00503530: We respectfully disagree with the reviewer’s views. While they are published data on similar standardized protocol for the treatment of chronic pancreatitis, there are no published data for the usefulness of this form of therapy in recurrent acute pancreatitis. We have mentioned this in the introduction.

Reviewer’s code: 02650654

Comments to authors: It is an interesting paper. I suggest to expand discussion about pathophysiology of this disease, and discussion about its possible evolution toward chronic pancreatitis. Differential diagnosis with chronic relapsing pancreatitis merits to be discussed.

Responding to reviewer 02650654: While we have highlighted on the importance of the mechanisms of pain of CP/RAP in the light of our results in the 'Discussion' session, we have not held forth extensively on the pathophysiology or differential diagnosis of RAP as this would be outside the direct perview of the paper.

Highlights of the revisions made in the manuscript:

- Scientific Research Process has been included as a separate PDF.
- The language quality of the entire manuscript has been checked and tweaked to read better. We (the authors) are convinced that the language of this manuscript (number 32822) has reached Grade A. We have signed a personal guarantee for the language presentation for this manuscript.
- The Copyright assignment, Institutional review board statement, Clinical trial registration statement, Informed consent statement, Biostatistics statement, Conflict-of-interest statement and Data sharing statement are included in the main manuscript and has also been attached as a seperate statement.
- The Audio core tip has been included
- The PDF of the final title screen shot of the manuscript 32822 in Google Scholar has been attached
- The ‘comments’ section consisting of background, research frontiers, innovations and breakthroughs, applications, terminology, and peer- review has been included with appropriate information as suggested.

The updated version of the manuscript (revised manuscript), report on the scientific research process are attached and uploaded along with this letter.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

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