

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4890-edited and the COMMENT.doc).

**Title: Earlier onset and multiple primaries by familial as opposed to sporadic esophageal cancer**

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### REPLY TO REVIEWER'S COMMENTS

Above all, we feel very grateful to your expertise comments. Under your suggestion, we feel the manuscript is greatly improved after revision.

In the statistical analysis, we further analyzed the data with multiple Logistic regression analysis as you suggested. The multivariate analysis made the difference in onset age and multiple primary cancers between familial and sporadic ESCC more convincing, and shown them to be mutually independent predictors.

We also enlarged the reference list and added more recently published articles.

Although younger onset age and multiple primary cancers have long been known to indicate genetic predisposition, for many cancer entities, our report is the first to focus on ESCC/GCA, we hope this work may be helpful in suggesting highly familial cases for further molecular study of the two cancers, which are especially prevalent in the high-risk regions in north central China.

In the end, we sincerely hope you would give us a lucky decision !

Sincerely yours,

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