

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6792-Review.doc).

Title: DNA methylation in gastric cancer, related to *Helicobacter pylori* and Epstein-Barr virus

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated. As for language, we asked one of the suggested professional English language editing companies, American Journal Experts, to check errors in our revised manuscript, and we corrected them accordingly (throughout the manuscript). The certificate by the company is also attached.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. All the changes are highlighted, but English editing throughout the manuscript is not highlighted.

(1) Reviewer 02730306:

"This paper is good. But application prospect is vague, if you can describe it more detail will be much better."

--WE thank the reviewer for careful reading and appreciating our manuscript as high priority for publication. We added description on application prospect accordingly (p.13, ll.19-28). We also thank the reviewer for giving Grade A for language evaluation.

(2) Reviewer 00753027:

"This manuscript reviews the recent findings on aberrant DNA methylation in gastric cancer associated with the infection of H. pylori and EBV. It is suggested that the title of this manuscript might be more specific to the association with the infection of H. pylori and EBV. The minor point is that the authors should follow the requirements for this journal to list the references, especially the format."

--WE thank the reviewer for careful reading and appreciating our manuscript as Accept. According to the suggestion, the title was changed to "DNA methylation in gastric cancer, related to Helicobacter pylori and Epstein-Barr virus". We updated the format following the requirement (throughout the manuscript). Language evaluation was Grade B, so we asked a native English speaker to check the article, and corrected errors entirely (throughout the manuscript).

(3) Reviewer 02537380:

"The manuscript must be revised by an English speaker. Moreover, more focus is necessary. Several new and well conducted studies are not cited."

--WE thank the reviewer for careful reading of our manuscript and providing helpful comments to improve our manuscript. Language evaluation was Grade C, so we asked a native English speaker to check the article, and corrected errors entirely (throughout the manuscript). The certificate by the professional English language editing company is attached. And we agree to the reviewer that addition of more description citing more studies will improve our paper. We added

description on: i) hypomethylation of MAGE genes (p.6, ll.13-17); ii) DNA methylation by aging (p.7, ll.7-17); iii) DNA methylation by chronic inflammation (p.7, ll.22-27); iv) 5-aza-dC treatment on H. pylori-induced gastric tumors (p.9, ll.13-17); v) non-coding RNAs of EBV (p.12, ll.18-24).

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,
Atsushi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Atsushi Kaneda', written in a cursive style.

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