

May 6, 2014

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6935-review.doc).

Title: miRNAs as potential biomarkers for gastric cancer

Author: Hanshao Liu, Huasheng Xiao

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 6935

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

To reviewer 01939897:

(1) The name of the countries have been marked in the tables.

To reviewer 02537773

(1) The introduction has been extended to show the problem of gastric cancer and main methodological, clinical and diagnostic uniqueness of this tumor .

(2) Basic conditions for biomarker utility are presented in introduction.

(3) Role of miRNA in gastric carcinogenesis using in vivo studies is added.

(4) More support in clinical application of miRNA has been provided.

(5) Tables have been shown separately by the different functions.

(6) The method of data normalization has been marked in the tables.

(7) Conclusion and future perspectives have been separated into two parts.

(8) Language has been edited by Ameditor Inc.

To reviewer 00033010

(1) The statement about GC has been corrected.

(2) A figure summarizing main miRNAs and carcinogenetic pathways has been added in article as figure 1.

(3) New contents about new drugs targeted against specific miRNAs have been added to the article.

(4) thousands of miRNA have been demonstrated to be related to gastric cancer. Therefore, the analysis of a single miRNA could be neither specific nor sensitive. For this reason only the combination of several miRNA could be effective for diagnostic purpose. This aspect has been emphasized in the final discussion.

To reviewer 01588319

(1) The histological types of gastric cancer which mentioned in these published literature have been added to the tables.

(2) The variable, "function" has been replaced by "clinical application".

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hanshao Liu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hanshao Liu, MD, PhD

Advanced Institute of Translational Medicine,

Tongji University,

Shanghai 200092, China

Tel: 0086-021-65986566

E-mail: liuhs@tongji.edu.cn