

Dear Prof. Lia Sheng Ma,

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to revise the manuscript (World Journal of Gastroenterology, manuscript NO: 71888). The changes in the manuscript could be identified in track change mode.

Reviewer #1 (code: 05058806):

1. “ The authors said that there are many younger generations of stomach cancer in Italy, but what about the relationship with H. pylori infection? If it is not H. pylori uninfected gastric cancer, the combination of H. pylori antibody titer and pepsinogen level may be useful for screening as in Japan.1) 1) Yamaguchi Y, Nagata Y, Hiratsuka R, et al. Gastric Cancer Screening by Combined Assay for Serum Anti-Helicobacter pylori IgG Antibody and Serum Pepsinogen Levels--The ABC Method. Digestion 2016; 93(1);13-8.”

1) The concerns have been addressed as follows:

The high incidence of gastric cancer, especially in the youngest generations, due to the persistent spread of H. pylori infection.... The application of the combination of H. pylori antibody titer and pepsinogen level may be useful for screening as in Japan ^[10].

[10]. **Yamaguchi Y**, Nagata Y, Hiratsuka R, Kawase Y, Tominaga T, Takeuchi S, Sakagami S, Ishida S. Gastric Cancer Screening by combined assay for serum anti-Helicobacter pylori IgG antibody and serum pepsinogen levels – The ABC Method. Digestion 2016; 93; 13-8. [PMID: 26789514 DOI 10.1159/000441742]

2. The authors' opinions are very relevant.

2) Thank you for the appreciation of our study.

Reviewer #2 (code: 05405967):

Reviewer #3 (code: 03478583):

3. "Our ongoing Italian multicenter prospective observational study on gastric endoscopic submucosal dissections has so far enrolled 24 cases in 18 months in 12 centers". There is no really new information for the reader.

3) We have updated the database in relation to the date of enrolment: “Our ongoing Italian multicenter prospective observational study on endoscopic submucosal dissections of early gastric cancer has so far enrolled 32 cases in 18 months in 12 centers...”

4. A few misspellings should be corrected, e.g., references in front or after full stop..

4) The correction has been made.

