

Dear Reviewers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our manuscript. We carefully reviewed your suggestions and comments and made changes to our manuscript. We hope that we were able to address your suggestions satisfactory.

Comment 1.1

“This manuscript is a letter to the editor regarding the study conducted by Sun et al. which investigated gastric microbiome in H. pylori negative patients. The authors comment that the results was promising in terms of prediction and diagnosis for gastric cancer. It is a well-written paper, which will be of interest to clinicians and researchers in the field.”

Response 1.1

Thank you for your kind feedback.

Comment 1.2

“This letter sounds more as a summary with highlighting of the main findings from the study by Sun et al. Unfortunately, I do not see any specific original idea, hypothesis or research suggestions by the author of this letter. Indeed, there is no significant and/or clear conclusion at the end of this letter to the editor.”

Response 1.2

Thank you for your comments. To address this, we added three paragraphs (highlighted in yellow) and four new references to help draw more meaningful conclusions and hopefully introduce original ideas, hypothesis, and research suggestions.

Below you can see the revised manuscript with changes highlighted for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this revision.

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