

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7581-revised.doc).

Title: Clinical trial for esophageal cancer patients treated with thalidomide combined with radiotherapy

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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

(1) This is an interesting paper but it needs some revisions; I have criticisms about groups. there is a strong difference in age group. another question: are you sure that the level of VGLF is not correlated with the time in which the radiotherapy is started? I mean, is there a correlation between VGLS value and days of radiotherapy?

Thanks for your carefully review and valuable suggestions, and we would like to give some interpretation about the two questions you proposed:

30 controls were randomly selected from healthy blood donors, besides we have proved in this study that age has no relation with the VEGF level, So age influence was negligible.

This study mainly focused on the VEGF down-regulation effect of thalidomide, as to the relation of VEGF level and radiotherapy time window is another worth research point, and maybe we would do some work in our future study.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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