

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 8397-review.doc).

Title: "Acquisition and dissemination mechanisms of CTX Φ in *Vibrio cholerae*: New paradigm for dif residents",

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the comments of the reviewer 2:

(i) In Page 3 line no. 18 authors should clarify about asymptomatic chronic diarrheal *V. cholerae*.

Answer: This comment is not clear to us particularly asymptomatic but chronic diarrheal cholera cases. Asymptomatic carrier of *V. cholerae* with no diarrhoeal symptom has been reported in the literature and it is important in cholera epidemiology. However, this review is aimed to discuss about current progress in CTX phage integration and dissemination in cholera pathogen. Therefore, we have not extended our discussion about cholera epidemiology and unusual *V. cholerae* variants. We strongly believe that the reviewer will kindly agree with our explanation.

(ii) Authors should give more detail information about the integration mechanism about Haitian variants and Altered variants.

Answer: Necessary information has been given in the revised manuscript [page 7 lines 23-26].

(iii) Provide few more description about other research studies in "CTX? and other IMGEs in *V. cholerae* chromosomes" section.

Answer: Relevant information is provided [page 5 lines 13-16].

(iv) In page no. 6 line no. 6: provide relevant current references regarding the information.

Answer: Information has been provided in page [page 5 lines 9-10 and 13-16].

(v) In page 11 line no. 3: what do you mean by "essential components"?

Answer: Thanks to the reviewer for raising this point. At present detail information on this aspect is not clearly known therefore we have modified the statement in the revised manuscript [page 8 line 34; page 9 lines 1-2].

(vi) Expand the conclusion section, particularly Fig. 3 and elaborate with more information about current research progress regarding TLC and CTXΦ.

Answer: Related information has been incorporated in the revised manuscript [page 9 lines 3-8].



(vii) The author should clarify in which direction the further research study will be undertaken.

Answer: Related information has been provided in the conclusion section of the revised manuscript [page 8-9].

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Medical Genetics*

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