

Answering Reviewers

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript NO 9577-edited.doc).

Title: Abnormal β -catenin immunohistochemical expression as a prognostic factor in gastric cancer: a meta-analysis

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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) The acronym Wnt had been defined as the int/Wingless family;
(2) The search terms were completed, and the data had been updated;
(3) We had provided a list of each item of "the Newcastle-Ottawa quality assessment scale";
(4) Statistical analysis: For studies with $P > 0.10$, the pooled OR and HR estimates of each study were calculated by the fixed-effects model (the Mantel-Haenszel method). For studies with $P \leq 0.10$, the random-effects model (the DerSimonian and Laird method) was used. $I^2 > 50$ and $P \leq 0.1$ was considered with heterogeneity.

(5) Discussion: We supplied explanation of the results and compared the result with previous studies.

(6) The number of Figure 1 had been revised, and added necessary notes of tables.

(7) About the language revision, we had chosen an English language editing companies recommended for copyediting service.

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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