

RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: manuscript no. 9862.doc).

Title: Diagnosis of autoimmune pancreatitis

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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
- 3 References and typesetting were corrected

Comments from the reviewer no. 00036906

Hiroyuki Matsubayashi et al. summarize in this nice review the current evidence on the diagnosis of autoimmune pancreatitis. The issue is interesting and the data is well presented. I have just minor comments: a) In my opinion there are too many tables. I would suggest to be presented mainly the current guidelines by consensus, b) there is a need for English editing in some paragraphs c) in each table/figure the abbreviations to be reported for easy reading and d) in the last sentence of the abstract is the year 2010 correct?

Response to the reviewer

Thank you for your careful review and for providing us with beneficial comments.

- a) I agree with the reviewer's comment and now present the diagnostic criteria in tables (previous Table 2~4) and cite them only by their references. The paper now contains a total of 5 tables and 3 figures.
- b) This time, I have had a native English speaker review our manuscript and correct the English.
- c) In the revised version, we omitted some tables. In the remaining tables and figures, abbreviations and other footnotes were written by completely following the original version.
- d) Yes, the IAP meeting was held and the ICDC were developed in July, 2010 at Fukuoka, Japan. However, the ICDC document was not published until 2011 (Pancreas 2011;40:352-8). Hence, to avoid any misunderstanding, we revised this to read "with the publication in 2011 of the International Consensus Diagnostic Criteria for AIP, established at the 2010 Congress of the International Association of Pancreatology (IAP)" in the last sentence of the abstract.

Comments from the reviewer no. 02439036

The manuscript is well written and focused in the relevance to achieve a definitive criteria for AIP diagnosis. Tables and Figures complement well the text information. There is no major comment, but there are some misspelled words (page

9, second line: sometime), strange signs (~ instead of -) throughout the text. In addition at the end of the table titles, there is an extra ").

Response to the reviewer

Thank you for your careful review.

We checked the misspellings once again throughout the manuscript and corrected them (P10, L15; sometime was corrected into sometimes). Also, we asked for English editing by a native English speaker for the current revised manuscript. According to the previous papers in WJG, we have used “-” instead of “~” throughout the manuscript. Thank you for pointing this out.

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

Sincerely yours,

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