

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 988-review.doc).

**Title:** "Atrophic gastritis: risk factor for esophageal squamous cell carcinoma in a Latin-American population."

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The manuscript has been improved according to the reviewers' suggestions:

**I. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 00069462**

**1. In the Methods: Diagnostic criteria of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma and the H. pylori infection should be included.**

The criteria of ESCC and H. Pylori infection were included in the methods, at the end of the first paragraph.

**2. In the Results: the use of terms AG and GA in the text and tables are confusing, please clarify. Table 3 can be described in the text.**

We apologize for the use of the terms AG and GA. The correct is AG, and was modified in the text. Table 3 was removed and described in the text.

**3. In the Discussion and Abstract: The two statistical methods yields conflicting results regarding the association between AG and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. The authors have not explained clearly the reasons for the conflicting results.**

We reviewed the text and tried to clarify the conflicting results between statistical methods.

**4. The conclusion in the Abstract part is not a conclusion but a result.**

We changed the conclusion in the abstract as suggested.

**II. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 00003113**

Minor points.

**1. Please reduce number of significant digits in both the text and table 1-3 to what is justified by the data. For instance**

**Gender    Female    7    14.3    7    14.3**

**could be reported as:**

**Gender    Female    7    14    7    14**

The results were modified in text and tables according to the suggestions.

**III. References and typesetting were corrected**

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

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