

Science Editor
World Journal of Gastroenterology

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RE: **Manuscript 53429 "High plasma levels of COL10A1 are associated with advanced tumor stage in gastric cancer patients"** by Necula L. et al.

Dear Editor,

Thank you and the reviewers for the careful evaluation of the above-referenced manuscript. We are very grateful for your comments and suggestions, which were valuable in improving the quality of our manuscript. We have considered them carefully and addressed them in full in the revised manuscript. All the changes made in the revised manuscript are highlighted and explained in an itemized, point-by-point response to the **Reviewers Comments** (see enclosed). We also completed and formatted the manuscript submission according to WJG guidelines for authors and Editor suggestions and highlighted the corrections in the updated version of the manuscript.

We hope that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mihaela Chivu-Economescu.

Response to Reviewers Comments:

Reviewer 02739495:

Comments: "The authoes in this study investigated high plasma levels of COL10A1 are associated with advanced tumor stage in gastric cancer patients. The whole story is well designed, and I recommend it ot be published in this journal."

Response: We are very grateful for your comments and appreciations.

Reviewer 03478635:

Comments: "This article describes about COL10A1 plasma level as an advanced gastric cancer marker. Table 2 may be revised to explain the early stage and advanced stage of gastric cancer more in detail."

Response: We are grateful for your comments and appreciations. We followed your suggestion and clarified Table 2, by introducing additional information, highlighted in the text and in the table legend, regarding the early stage and advanced stage of gastric cancer.