

## 66549-Answering Reviewers

Dear Editorial Team,

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript.

### Reviewer #1's comments:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** Very nice work. The paper is well and clearly write. The paper comprised a large number of patients. It has originality regarding the association between pancreatic exocrine insufficiency and PPI use. The findings are very useful in clinical practice.

### Authors' reply:

Thank you for your time and positive feedback.

### Science editor's comments:

(1) Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a retrospective study of the associations with pancreatic exocrine insufficiency. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade C. (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Very nice work. The paper is well and clearly write. The paper comprised a large number of patients. It has originality regarding the association between pancreatic exocrine insufficiency and PPI use. The findings are very useful in clinical practice. (3) Format: There are 3 tables. (4) References: A total of 46 references are cited, including 11 references published in the last 3 years. (5) Self-cited references: There is one self-cited reference. 2 Language evaluation: Grade B. All authors are native speakers of English (educated, living and working in the UK), therefore no certificate is required. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the signed Copyright License Agreement and Informed Consent Form, and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. No academic misconduct was found by the Google/Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions. (2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout. (3) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text (and directly before the References). 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

### Company editor-in-chief's comments:

I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

### Authors' reply:

Thank you for your time and feedback.

Addressing the issues raised in the science editor's comments:

1. We have added the Author Contributions section.
2. We have updated the reference list with PMID and DOI numbers and listed all authors of the references.
3. We have added an Article Highlights section.

We are grateful for your conditional acceptance, please let us know if any further changes are required.

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin M Shandro, on behalf of the authors

