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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

- Comments: ? In the "Introduction", the author(s) have to through more light on the role of TLR4 in acute pancreatitis (refer to the articles by Zhang et al., 2010; Ding et al., 2010; Ding et al., 2009). ? To enhance the section of "Materials and methods", it is better to add a Flowchart for identification of eligible studies and data extraction. ? The author(s) should refer to and discuss the significance of HWE in table 1 that reported by Hofner et al., 2006. Also, they should refer to the recorded csignificant test of publication bias for SAP vs control ($p < 0.02$) in the section of "Discussion"