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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Name of Journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology Manuscript Type: OBSERVATIONAL STUDY Circulating MicroRNAs as Biomarkers for Detection of severe acute pancreatitis (SAP) associated with acute lung injury (ALI): An observational study Notes to authors: The study entitled "Circulating MicroRNAs as Biomarkers for Detection of severe acute pancreatitis (SAP) associated with acute lung injury (ALI): An observational study" aims to identify circulating miRNAs as biological markers for prediction of SAP with ALI. Acute pancreatitis (AP) is globally wide phenomena with widespread complications and high mortality rate. Acute lung injury (ALI) is serious complication of AP, hence timely diagnosis and treatment are crucial. miRNAs are small noncoding RNA molecules with mostly regulatory roles and can serve as potential diagnostic markers for all different pathological processes. There are only several minor comments that are necessary to address: 1. Check abstract for abbreviations. At



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General comments: 1, severe acute pancreatitis (SAP) associated with acute lung injury (ALI) is a critical situation in the clinics, therefore it is important to find relevant biomarkers for detecting SAP associated with ALI in the patients. In the present study, authors demonstrated that 12 circulating MicroRNAs are associated with SAP patients with ALI. Compared with SAP patients without ALI, 5 MicroRNAs are up-regulated and 7 MicroRNAs are down-regulated in the SAP patients with ALI. Therefore, these 12 circulating MicroRNAs may be used as biomarkers for prediction of ALI in SAP patients. This manuscript is relevant for WJG. 2, However, the authors are not so clear to indicate the association about these 12 circulating MicroRNAs with ALI in SAP patients, that may be due to poor English expression and writing. Authors have to improve the English writing for the manuscript. 3, Author in the manuscript should clearly indicate the hypotheses for the study. Furthermore, authors should avoid the repetitions between



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Methods section and Results section, and between Results section and Discussion section. 4, In the discussion authors reference a lot of literatures, however most of them are not so relevant with the present study. Authors should focus on the circulating MicroRNAs in relation to prediction of ALI in SAP patients. 5, Authors should explain in more detail for methods such as the quantitative real-time PCR and the online software TargetScan, MiRanda, and PicTar because a lot of readers in WJG may not know so well about them. 6, The discussion section is not so well written, please make major revision with citing relevant literatures. Minor comments: 1, Normally the abbreviations, such as SAP and ALI should not be used in the abstract, they should spell out. 2, Please add a sentence to indicate the hypothesis for the study in last paragraph of Introduction. 3, In the result section of KEGG pathway enrichment analysis and miRNA-KEGG-network, some words such as "et al" are not correctly used. They should be replaced by "etc". 4, In the second line of first paragraph in the Discussion, "e.g." should be replaced by "such as". 5, please add error bar in Figure 2.