

Dear Editor,

We thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. Furthermore, we would like to thank the reviewers for the very useful comments; we have now performed all the necessary changes. I am pleased to resubmit for publication our revised version of Man.No 39646 "Risk Factors for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease and analysis of genetic contributors". We have addressed each of their concerns as outlined below (all changes are highlighted in yellow).

Reviewer #1

Thank you for your valuable comments. A relative comment has been added at our revised manuscript. (page 8-9)

Reviewer #2

A table summarizing genetic studies of importance has been added as suggested. The abbreviations and error has been corrected.

Reviewer #3

Relative comments concerning life style and anatomical factors has been added according to your suggestion (p. 8-9)

Reviewer #4

A discussion about the contribution of genetic marker and the future of genetic research on GERD has been added (p.12).

We would like to express our great appreciation to you and reviewers for comments on our paper. We hope that we have addressed the issues and comments of the revision. Any additional changes are welcome.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely

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