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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:1382-edited.doc).

**Title: Polymorphism in the IL-17A Promoter Contributes to Gastric Cancer**

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewer. All changes made in this version of the document are highlighted in yellow.

1. As recommended by the reviewer, we have added discussion of the recommended reference (lines 97-100 in the edited document file)
2. The formatting has been updated according to the “format of brief article” and the editor’s specifications.
3. Where available the PMID and DOI were added to each reference, and the in-text citations were updated.
4. Within the edited document (named 1382-edited.doc) the editor indicated that “decomposable” figures be made available; however, we are not comfortable providing data figures that can be altered by others. If there is an issue with how the figures are presented, we ask that we be given the opportunity to change the figure, rather than the editorial staff. This way, we can be sure that the contents of the figure(s) accurately portray the data they are intended to represent. The figures

submitted with this response are within the guidelines provided by the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and should meet the journal's publishing requirements.

5. Table 1 has been reformatted according to the editor's specifications.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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