

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: ESPS Manuscript 7403-review.doc).

Title: The Treatment of Refractory Diabetic Gastroparesis: Western Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine Therapies

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Abstract has been shortened less than 200 words.

3 Core tip has been drafted renewedly.

4 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) According to references, we have reserved "refractory" and abandon "severe".

(2) In the abstract, management and ending, we have referred that the purpose of this article is to explore the potential of combined Western and TCM treatment methods for improved patient outcomes in refractory DGP. Concrete speaking, TCM methods often are given for treatment of nausea and vomiting, and help to alleviate abdominal distension. It is non-invasive and does not cost so much, and they do appear to be effective and promising based on clinical practice and some preliminary evidence. The process of diagnosis treatment is standard and the effectiveness of Western method has been demonstrated by large-scale clinical trials.et al.

(3) Some sentences in the management section and core tip have been drafted again to avoid contradiction of clinical experience and evidence-based researches expressed in the review.

(4) We have deleted some low quality researches. Most of references are derived from Pubmed, so the quality of references could be guaranteed. In the section of complementary and alternative medicine, references derived from Pubmed and CNKI are both incorporated.

(5) We try to avoid low quality researches. Domestic researches of TCM treatment on refractory DGP is actually limited, case reports are inevitable. Most of researches in this field are derived from our team. Although the evidence is preliminary, the quality could be guaranteed.

(6) The TCM diagnosis has been added. The treatment is accorded with the syndrome and symptoms. We have revised the section of traditional Chinese treatment as elaborate as possible.

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(7) We have found professional counsel to correct grammar, formatting and typo errors, writing and organization problems throughout the review.

(8) Abstract Correct the typo error of diagnosis as diagnosis Formatting is necessary Maintain the uniformity with the references per the instructions For example ref 4 The remark is obscure and difficult to understand. It is pleased to correct where has not been modified appropriately.

5 References and typesetting were corrected. The publication time of some key references went beyond four years, it is inevitable, because latest researches are lack, the explanation for problems is necessary.

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

Sincerely yours,



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