

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10305-review.doc).

Title: Mitochondrial DNA alterations in the progression of gastric carcinomas: unexplored issues and future research needs.

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

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) We add a phrase (with the bibliographic reference) that indicates a recent review regarding experimental studies on H pylori, mtDNA and gastric epithelial cells. Modifications are **marked** in the text .

(2)At page 3 we add further clinicopathologic data about gastric cancer of intestinal and diffuse type. Modifications **are marked** in the text.

(3)We improved "Introduction" to focus the topic of review. The section "Adenocarcinoma classification .." is modified to include previous paragraphs. At page 5 in the section "Classification of gastritis" we include the "Updated Sydney System" and the OLGA/OLGIM classifications. We convert the 2 tables into a single table to reduce redundant data. A better correlation with the text is also carried out. However, the whole manuscript has been simplified and abbreviated for the average reader of WJG. **All corrections are so marked**

3 References and type setting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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