

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (21262-Revised manuscript.doc).

Title: Prognostic significance of plasma interleukin-6/-8 in pancreatic cancer patients receiving chemoimmunotherapy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions:

1. Title should be no more than 10~12 words/60 bytes. Please revise it.

Response: As suggested, we have revised as below (11 words).

Prognostic significance of plasma interleukin-6/-8 in pancreatic cancer patients receiving chemoimmunotherapy

2. Ethics approval: Clinical trial registration: Informed consent: Conflict-of-interest: Data sharing: Authors are required to make these statements in the manuscript's title page (please see sample wording in attachment). Besides, please provide these files needed for retrospective study, which are necessary for final acceptance, each in a separate PDF file, signed by the Correspondence

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Response: As suggested, we have mentioned all in the manuscript.

3. Core tip: Please write a summary of less than 100 words to outline the most innovative and important arguments and core contents in your paper to attract readers.

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Response: As suggested, we have provided Core tip. We do not have Audio Core Tip in this study.

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Response: As suggested, we have provided all COMMENTS in the manuscripts.

5. The coordinate graphs supplied should be decomposable (each part of your figure could be moved so as to easily edited). You can send it as excel, word or powerpoint format so that I can edit them easily. Thank you!

Response: As suggested, we have sent all figures as power point format.

6. Please use a, b, c, etc instead of *, #, etc.

Response: As suggested, we have corrected a, b, c, etc instead of *, #, etc.

7. Tables shouldn't be images, but as word or excel format so that I can edit them easily. Thank you!

Response: As suggested, we have used word format and also attached all Tables (1 and 2) in end of the manuscript.

Our manuscript was edited and formatted to *World Journal of Gastroenterology* style by American Journal Experts: <http://www.journalexperts.com> and cross checked.

We are enclosing the entire revised manuscript, Figures and Tables.
The underline in the manuscript indicates the changes.

We do appreciate the time and effort that the reviewers have put into helping us with this manuscript and we hope that it is now suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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

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