

Dear Dr. Ma,

Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions. We have added necessary documents, including a copyright assignment, a language certificate, approved grant application forms, several statements, a core tip, an audio core tip and comments. We have also modified the format and part of content of Abstract according to your suggestions. For the References section, we have confirmed the instructions for authors online carefully, and checked cautiously the author names, the title, the PMID and the DOI for each article in order to make sure that the list is described correctly now.

We have revised the manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of peer-reviewers, and responded, point by point to, the comments as listed below. All the changes have been highlighted in the new manuscript, and we hope it will be accepted for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

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Replies to Reviewers:

First of all, we thank both reviewers for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions.

Replies to Reviewer #1 (00039368):

1. It is not sufficiently clear, how was established the diagnosis of allergic diseases?

Was it based only on the telephone-interview data? Have the authors found also some eosinophilic infiltration in stomach mucosa in cases of “varioliform gastritis”?

**Answer:** Sorry, we didn't describe clearly. Thank you for your question. We have added an explanation of allergic diseases in the Data Extraction section. During the telephone interview, once the patient said yes to a particular allergic disease, we tried to make sure that it had been diagnosed in a qualified clinical center or the patient suffered from typical symptoms which could be relieved by anti-allergic drugs. So the interviewers should be familiar with the guideline of diagnosis for each allergic disease. But still limitation of telephone interview must be taken into account.

Thank you for your helpful suggestion about eosinophilic infiltration. Because we didn't record the supplementary description of pathological results before, we should rechecked in our electronic databases one by one using the name of the patient. In a total of 491 patients with GVLs in Renji hospital, we have found eosinophilic infiltration (>10 per high-power lens) in 16 patients. This is really an interesting work, but for a retrospective search, we have taken the risk of loss or mistake of data. We are planning to follow up all the patients and carry out a prospective study to examine the morphological and pathological evolution of GVLs, and we will surely take your suggestion in the stage of study design.

Replies to Reviewer #2 (00069634):

Thank you indeed for your comments and encouragement.