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Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript: "AUTOIMMUNE PANCREATITIS: CORNERSTONES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES", which we are re-submitting for your consideration.

We have performed the revision as per the suggestions of the Reviewer and the Science Editor, and we hope that the manuscript will now be suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

I confirm that the paper has not been submitted to another journal and that it has not been published in whole or in part elsewhere previously.

Sincerely

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The authors wish to thank the Editor and the Reviewer for their appreciation and insightful comments which have helped to improve the work's quality. The authors are humbled that you have pointed out the strengths of the manuscript.

Please find below a response to the comments.

All changes have been highlighted in the text, as requested in the instructions for authors.

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This is well written review article which summarized the current knowledge of AIP from its epidemiology, etiology, diagnosis, to treatment options. This article can help readers quickly and systematic understand the relevant knowledge and research perspective of autoimmune pancreatitis .It is suggested to be published.

The Authors are immensely grateful to the Reviewer for this extremely positive evaluation; they express their heartfelt thanks for grasping the thoroughness and care of the content with which the manuscript was prepared.

Science Editor

1 Scientific classification: Grade A.

2 Language classification: Grade A.

3 Specific comments: (1) Please provide the Figures cited in the original manuscript in the form of PPT. All text can be edited, including A, B, arrows, etc.

We attached all figures in PPT format with editable components.

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All figures are original images.

All legends are incorrectly formatted and require a general title and explanation for each figure. Such as Figure 1 title. A: ; B: ; C: .

We corrected the format of the figures legend as indicated.

(2) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s).

We did, and we added a comment in the “footnotes” section.

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No statistical references have been made throughout the manuscript.

4 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

The Authors thank the Science Editor for this evaluation.