

Dear Sir /madam,

I submit a revised version of my editorial review article entitled: "Thrombocytosis as a prognostic marker in gastrointestinal cancers" for publication at the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology.

All the comments of reviewers have been taken into consideration and appropriate revisions and additions have been effectuated.

A table has been added as suggested by reviewers summarizing the data.

Although alluded to in the previous version of the manuscript, a brief discussion of additional elements of tumor associated inflammation has been added in the 1st paragraph of page 4 with appropriate references (References 24 and 25 of the manuscript).

When data are contradictory or less well established, this is mentioned in the paper.

Statement in the end of 3rd paragraph in page 8 was deleted for clarity.

Lines 13-14 in page 3 were revised as per reviewer.

I thank the reviewers for their constructive comments that helped improve my manuscript.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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