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To Prof. Jia-Ping Yan  
Science Editor  
*World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit our revised manuscript entitled "*Molecular characterization of metastatic gastric cancer: current knowledge and future perspectives*" for you to reconsider for publication.

We have carefully considered the editorial criticisms and revised the manuscript accordingly. Below is a point-by-point response.

## Editor

1. *Our editorial policy states the overall similarity should be less than 30%, the overlapped section should be less than 5% in single papers, including author's own work. Similar sentences with other articles (highlighted in the 50317-CrossCheck Report), please rephrase these sentences.*

We tried to rephrase most of the overlapped sections.

2. *Designation of co-first authors and co-corresponding authors is not permitted. You can move this sentence to the part of "Author contribution" part*

Dr. Lupakis was designated as corresponding and Dr. Fassan as last author.

3. *You need to provide the grant application form(s) or certificate of funding agency for every grant, or we will delete the part of "Supported by..."*

We deleted the part "Supported by".

4. *Abstract. An informative, unstructured abstract of no less than 200 words should accompany each manuscript.*

Abstract was modified as suggested.



5. *Please list 5-10 key words for each paper, which reflect the content of the study.*

Key word list was expanded.

6. *Please offer the audio core tip.*

An audio core tip was performed.

7. *Please explain all the abbreviations in the figure/table legends: full name (abbreviation).*

Abbreviations were explained for Table 1.

8. *The author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces[1].*

References were checked and modified as requested.

**Reviewers 03009411, 02687374 and 03766000**

Thank you for your positive and enthusiastic comments!

**Reviewer 02523682**

1. *Although the description and logic of the manuscript is accepted and clear, the contents of this paper is not consistent with the title is "Molecular characterization of metastatic gastric cancer: current knowledge and future perspectives". Actually the authors well reviewed the therapeutic methods for GC with about half of length in this paper. Thus, the authors should well modify the manuscript to accord with the title, especially for metastatic feature.*

According to this and Reviewer 0303587, the title was modified in "Targeted therapies in metastatic gastric cancer: current knowledge and future perspectives"



2. *In addition, it will be better if the authors use appropriate chart to describe the molecular characterization of GC.*

According to this and Reviewer 02841708, an appropriate Figure summarizing the most important molecular findings obtained by the TCGA and ACRG initiatives was added.

**Reviewer 03035837**

*The title is better to revised to better reflect the main subject of the manuscript, and the content of the manuscript need to be better organized, to make the content more smoothly. In addition, language editing is still needed.*

The title was modified, as suggested, and language editing was performed.

**Reviewer 02841708**

*Some images of molecular mechanism should be provided.*

An appropriate image summarizing the most important molecular findings obtained by the TCGA and ACRG initiatives was added.

We hope you will find our manuscript suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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