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Editor
World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Editor,

We thank the Editorial Board and Reviewers for evaluating our editorial and for the insightful comments and suggestions. We agree with all the comments and recommendations. In response, we have revised the editorial to include all the comments and suggestions of the editors and reviewers. We feel that these changes have significantly strengthened and improved our manuscript.

Enclosed is a point-by-point response to the Reviewers' comments and the revised version of our Editorial article in Word format (file name: 41851-Edited -Revised.docx).

Title: Increased susceptibility of aging gastric mucosa to injury & delayed healing: Clinical implications.

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Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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A point-by-point response to Reviewers' comments (WJG editorial ID 41851by Tarnawski AS): TITLE Increased susceptibility of aging gastric mucosa to injury & delayed healing: Clinical implications

We thank the editors and the reviewers for reviewing our editorial and for their positive evaluations and kind comments. Our responses are below:

Comment: Supported by The approved grant application form(s) will be released online together with the manuscript in order for readers to obtain more information about the study and to increase the likelihood of subsequent citation. Our purpose of publishing the approved grant application form(s) is to promote efficient academic communication, accelerate scientific progress in the related field, and improve productive sharing of research ideas. In addition, a copy of the full approved grant application form(s), consisting of the information section and body section, should be provided to the BPG in PDF format.

Response: We have uploaded the funding document.

Comment: Audio core tip: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance. Please refer to Instruction to authors on our website or attached Format for detailed information.

Response: We have uploaded the audio core tip.

Comment: REFERENCES- Coding system ... Do not list the same citation twice (i.e., with two different numbers).

Response: We have checked the references and formatted them as per the journal guidelines.

Other changes made in the manuscript:

1) The Short title was revised by the addition of "to injury" and now reads as below:

Short title: Increased susceptibility of aging gastric mucosa to injury

2) Abstract was revised to include the updated citation for Fukushi et al article as below:

"Abstract.

In this editorial we comment on the article by Fukushi K et al. published in the recent issue of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* 2018; **24**(34): 3908-3918. "

- 3) The Main Text was revised to include the updated citation for Fukushi et al article as below:

“In the recent issue of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* (2018; 24(34): 3908-3918), Fukushi K et al. published the interesting paper: **Gastroduodenal ulcer bleeding in elderly patients on low dose aspirin therapy**^[33]. That study addresses an important issue – aging...”