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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: WJG 0529.doc).

Title: IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases, are they IgG4-related diseases?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer by 02451447

- (1) I would like to change the title of this review as "IgG4 gastrointestinal diseases, are they IgG4-related disease?"

As it was agreed that “IgG4-related” is a prefix to the organ system affected, we changed the title to “IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases, are they IgG4-related diseases?”

- (2) Check PUBMED again and try to add other omitted literature in this field, and mostly listed all the published literature without clear summarization.

We check PUBMED and listed other literature. We made Table 1 that summarized the literature about gastrointestinal diseases and IgG4. We showed the method of search of literature in Page 6.

- (3) Give the author’s opinion how to deal with these diseases practically, and if they are really a family member of IgG4-RD.

We described our opinion about definition of IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases in Discussion (Page 12 and 13). However, as this is the first review of this disease, it is unclear whether the entity exists or what lesions are regarded as IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases.

Reviewer by 00001390

- (1) It is necessary to clarify these lesions meet the diagnostic criteria of IgG4-RD. To say their position in the first regarding what is IgG4-RD and how they evaluate each lesion as IgG4-RD.

Although the concept of IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases was not included as objects of the comprehensive diagnostic criteria, we described our criteria for diagnosis of IgG4-related gastrointestinal disease as following: “At this point, both

the clinical finding of mass forming and histological finding of abundant infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells with fibrosis would appear to be necessary to make the diagnosis of IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases.” (Discussion in Page 13).

(2) To classify what GI tract lesions are regarded as IgG4-RD or not.

We showed what cases in the review are considered as IgG4-related gastrointestinal diseases in Page 13.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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