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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled ‘Genetic mutations in SPINK1, CFTR, CTRC genes in acute pancreatitis’ by Koziel D et al., for consideration for publication in your BMC Gastroenterology.

The following changes were introduced according to the reviewers’ comments:

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Tony G Jacob

Reviewer's report:

1. Title: The authors have incorporated most of the changes suggested. Adding the word 'genes' after 'CTRC' in the title may make the title self-explanatory.

The title of the article has been changed.

Genetic mutations in SPINK1, CFTR, CTRC genes in acute pancreatitis

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

The language has been revised from the editorial aspect.
Reviewer's report:

Title: Genetic mutations in SPINK1, CFTR, CTRC in acute pancreatitis

Version: 10 Date: 9 February 2015

Reviewer: RUPJYOTI TALUKDAR

INTRODUCTION:

1. The introduction is still very long. Mechanistic aspects of PRSS, SPINK and CFTR can be summarised in the discussion. Details of claudin is not be necessary since the authors have not evaluated claudin in this manuscript.

Shortened according to the reviewer's comment.

In the first version of the manuscript the importance of CFTR mutation and claudin in pancreatitis was not described. Such a discussion has been introduced in accordance with the reviewer’s suggestion:

1. Please check recent publications and view the role of CFTR mutations and chronic ER stress in the pancreatic acinar cells.
2. The reason why a mutated Claudin2 protein should lead to pancreatitis is not given. It is an interesting point.

RESULTS:

1. The tables appear in the text in a haphazard manner. They should come in sequence as they appear in the text.

The enumeration of Tables has been changed. Tables 1-5 have been included in appropriate places in the text.

3. The title of the tables are still embedded within the main text.

The titles of Tables have been removed from the text.

4. Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

The language has been revised from the editorial aspect.

We believe our findings would appeal to the readership of BMC Gastroenterology.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to BMC Gastroenterology.

Yours Faithfully,

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