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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Final CRE Manuscript).

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Revisions:

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

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For example, the "Methods" section of the manuscript was revised to include the specific names of the databases (e.g., the US National Library of Medicine's "MEDLINE" database and the Food and Drug Administration's Manufacturer and User Facility Device experience Database, or "MAUDE") I used to retrieve the articles I reviewed during the writing of this manuscript.

In addition, I revised the text and added content from the following 5 references, as one of the reviewer's requested:

1. Kovaleva J, Peters FTM, van der Mei HC, et al. Transmission of Infection by Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and Bronchoscopy *Clin Microbiol Rev.* Apr 2013; 26(2): 231-254
2. Hookey L, Armstrong D, Enns R, et al. Summary of guidelines for infection prevention and control for flexible gastrointestinal endoscopy. *Can J Gastroenterol* 2013 Jun; 27(6): 347-50
3. Deas T, Sinsel L. Ensuring patient safety and optimizing efficiency during gastrointestinal endoscopy. *AORN J* 2014 Mar; 99(3): 396-06
4. Akyüz N, Keskin M, Akyolcu N, et al. How and how much do endoscopy professionals protect themselves against infection? *Int J Surg* 2014; 12(7): 720-4
5. Gastmeier P, Vonberg RP. *Klebsiella spp.* in endoscopy-associated infections: we may only be seeing the tip of the iceberg. *Infection* 2014 Feb; 42(1): 15-21

Thank you again for publishing my manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Best regards,

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