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To
Professor Dr. Ya-Juan Ma
*Scientific Editor, World Journal of Gastroenterology*


**Ref: MS No: 18798**
*"From the surface to the single cell: novel endoscopic approaches in inflammatory bowel disease"*


Dear Professor Ma,

We thank you and the reviewers for the comments and suggestions regarding our above titled manuscript.

Below we provide a point-by-point response to the valid questions and concerns raised. A revised manuscript depicting the changes highlighted using track changes is submitted as well.


**Reviewer 1:**
Excellent review.Very well written. Would suggest an image of dye-based chromo over NBI as that is where the preponderance of the data resides.

Author's response: We thank the reviewer for these kind words! In the revised manuscript, we now included a figure showing dye-based chromoendoscopy and narrow band imaging side-by-side, as suggested by the reviewer.


**Reviewer 2:**
The manuscript "From the surface to the single cell: novel endoscopic approaches in inflammatory bowel disease" is an interesting review. Comments: The table 1 is not necessary. It is very specialized. This review lack of summary tables which mentioned indications, advantages and disadvantages of each endoscopic techniques. The figures were not mentioned in the text. The references are not conform to instructions of authors

Author's response: We thank the reviewer for his comment. In the revised manuscript, we now included a table that summarizes the advantages and disadvantages of each endoscopic technique as well as the indications for the respective techniques. We deleted the former table 1, as suggested by the reviewer. Further, we formatted our references according to the Journal requirements and also refer to the figures in the main text.

Once again, we thank the reviewers for their valuable comments. After consideration of our responses to these comments, we hope that our revised manuscript will merit publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

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