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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: **24039** review.doc).

Title: Effects of aging on the architecture of the ileocecal junction in rats

Authors: Maria C éra de Brito, Renato Paulo Chopard, Diego Pulzatto Cury, Ii Sei Watanabe, Cristina Eus ébio Mendes, Patricia Castelucci

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastroenterology Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

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.

We would like to thank the editor and the reviewers for their helpful comments and insight regarding our previous submission. In accordance with their suggestions, we have made the changes discussed below.

The aim of the paper was to analyze the structural organization of the elastic and collagen fibers in the region of the ileocecal transition in 30 young and old male Wistar rats by using different updating techniques. The ms was well written but some errors should be corrected (type I collagen fibers and type III collagen fibers should be used instead of collagen type I fibers or collagen type III fibers).

This has been corrected.

Figs. 6 and 7 should have the three graphs in only one).

This has been corrected.

Dear Editor, I read the article on the effect of aging on the ileocolic junction in rats. The study is original, interesting and well conducted, but the article is TOO LONG. It has to be shortened, definitely, I would say that it should be nearly halved, or at least one third deleted. Then, if you wish you may resend it to me for the final review. Thanks



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This has been corrected.

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