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Dear Professor Ma: 18th December 2016

Thank you for your kind invitation (00004589) asking us to submit the enclosed manuscript for possible publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. The manuscript is entitled: “One Year Experience With Computer-Assisted Propofol Sedation for Colonoscopy.” As the first U.S. medical center to adopt computer-assisted propofol sedation (CAPS) for routine clinical use, we compared a large 1-year cohort of CAPS patients undergoing colonoscopy against historical controls sedated with midazolam and fentanyl. We found that CAPS is a safe and effective means of providing moderate sedation for relatively healthy patients undergoing routine colonoscopy in a high-volume endoscopy unit. Its advantages include high procedural success rates, high polyp detection rates and faster recovery times.

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