

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3561-edited.doc).

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Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments concerning our manuscript. Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer's comments are as following:

Replies to Reviewer Questions:

Question 1. Include more recent literature (>25 papers since 2012!, only 3 of them quoted).

Answer: Corrections have been made in the revised version.

Question 2. Include fecal microbiota transplantation as a concept.

Answer: Corrections have been made in the revised version.

Question 3. Describe the present knowledge of the normal intestinal microflora in more detail.

Answer: Corrections have been made in the revised version.

Question 4. Correction of spelling errors.

Answer: Corrections have been made in the revised version.

Question 5. Correction of the references in the text and the reference list.

Answer: Corrections have been made in the revised version.

We tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. These changes will not influence the content and framework of the paper. And here we did not list the changes but marked in red in revised paper. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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