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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: The therapeutic potential of curcumin in digestive diseases.

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

Reviewer 1

- We have highlighted that data on curcumin toxicity are lacking in long-term studies lasting more than 6 months
- We have stressed that the use of curcumin in the treatment of IBD patients must be validated by large, randomized and controlled clinical studies

Reviewer 2

- We have added the important effect of curcumin in the inhibition of IL6/STAT3 pathway and the related literature in both IBD and CRC, as suggested by the reviewer
- We have created a new table reporting separately the anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer mechanisms of curcumin in the revised version of our review
- Figure legends have been rendered more clear
- Discussion about the perspectives on the use of curcumin in treating IBD and CRC has been enlarged

3 References and typesetting were corrected

We hope that our answers will be considered satisfactory by the Editor and the Reviewers of our paper and we remain at your complete disposal, should any further point be improved....

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

Sincerely yours,

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