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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4880-review.doc).

Title: Current management of fecal incontinence: choosing between treatment options to optimize outcomes

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

1. Title shortened to within the 12 word limit
2. Format (font and spacing of the manuscript) has been updated according to policies
3. Abstract expanded to 200 words
4. Core Tip summary of 100 words has been added
5. Changes to the manuscript have been highlighted
6. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of reviewer 00028618:
 - (1) Paragraph added to the introduction section stressing importance of imaging as part of workup to identify other pelvic disorders with addition of the suggested references
 - (2) different imaging modalities with associated references added as suggested
 - (3) importance of functional assessment of other pelvic floor disorders added
7. All changes suggested in the PDF revised manuscript have been incorporated:
 - (1) Revised manuscript in word format
 - (2) Author contributions added
 - (3) Regarding the comment to "indicate the format of primary title and secondary title" for the sub-sections of the paper, all the paragraph titles are of equal importance, i.e. they are all primary titles, no secondary titles. They have all been placed in bold.
8. Each Table is now on a separate page
9. References and typesetting were corrected and re-numbered after addition of three new

references (10-12)

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Steven Wexner MD'.

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