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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in MS Word format (file name: 5142-Edited.doc).

**Title:** *Clostridium difficile* infection in the community: are proton pump inhibitors to blame?

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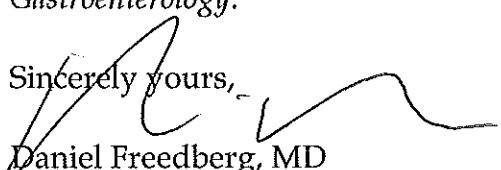
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We appreciate the comments from the reviewers and the manuscript has been improved accordingly:

- 1) We have updated our format, including use of a running head.
- 2) We have used the term "*Clostridium difficile* infection" (abbreviated CDI) rather than the term *Clostridium difficile* colitis.
- 3) We have clarified the conclusion to emphasize that PPIs should be considered only when clearly indicated.

Again, thank you for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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