

Dear Lian-Sheng Ma, Company Editor-in-Chief,

Re: "COVID-19 pandemic: Pathophysiology and Manifestations from the Gastrointestinal tract" manuscript for consideration of publication in "World Journal of Gastroenterology"

On behalf of my co-Authors, I would like to thank you and the reviewers very much for reviewing our manuscript entitled: *"COVID-19 pandemic: Pathophysiology and Manifestations from the Gastrointestinal tract"*, and considering it for publication in *"World Journal of Gastroenterology"*, following the amendments that we have made, based on Editor-in-Chief and Reviewers' comments. Please see below, a point-by-point response, to the Reviewers' comments. The appropriate changes have also been made in the revised manuscript.

As part of our revised version:

A) Please see below a point-by-point reply to the Editor-in-Chief and Reviewers' comments.

Their comments are in shown red color and our answers are shown in blue color :

Reviewer 1:

The manuscript titled "COVID-19 pandemic: Pathophysiology and Manifestations from the Gastrointestinal tract" has been reviewed. The authors have compiled several published papers that are relating to COVID-19. This is a potentially important paper. I conclude that this manuscript was well written and was well organized, but extremely long. If the authors could make more concise, it would deserve the publication.

We would like to thank the Reviewer for this important comment. We agree that the manuscript could be more concise. Therefore, we reduce the main text of manuscript (the text remaining after excluding Abstract, core tip, References, tables and figures) from 11 pages (3346 words) to 8 pages (2442 words), without changing the quality of the manuscript. At this point, we would like to inform you that you may feel free to omit table 2 if you believe it affects the manuscript size.

Editorial Office's comments

Science Editor:

- The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered.
- The authors need to provide the Copyright License Agreement that signed by all authors.
- I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor

We would like to thank the Science Editor for the significant comments. We feel that our answer to reviewer 1 comment also addresses the first comment. As concerns “**the Copyright License Agreement**”, you may find it attached in this revision stage. Finally, we prepared the figures using PPT and you may find these attached.

Editorial Office Director:

I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

We would like to thank the Editorial Office Director for the comment.

Company Editor-in-Chief:

have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

We would like to thank the Company Editor-in-Chief for the comment.

B) Regarding the special requirements for figures:

As it was aforementioned, we prepared the figures using PPT and you may find these attached.

C) Regarding the special requirements for references:

We added the PMID numbers anywhere needed.

We hope that you will find this revised draft of our manuscript, as suitable for publication in **“World Journal of Gastroenterology”**. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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