

To  
The Editor in Chief  
World Journal of Gastroenterology

Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find our revised manuscript entitled “Current Updates of COVID-19 Impact on the gastrointestinal diseases: Challenges and Opening”. As suggested by the Editor, we have revised the paper. Explicitly, the changes introduced in the revised manuscript, using the track change. Our point-by-point replies to the reviewers are as follow:

### **Reviewers comments**

After a careful review of this review article, I found that this work possesses an important value. The review article is beautifully designed as a design and idea, however, some minor issues must be solved as follows:

#### **1- Title:**

I think it may be better to be ((**Current Updates of COVID-19 Impact on the Gastrointestinal diseases: Challenges and Opening**)).

Answer: As suggested by reviewer we changed the title as follows “[Current Understanding of COVID-19 Impact on the Gastrointestinal diseases: Challenges and Openings](#)”.

#### **2- Writing comments:**

- The manuscript should be revised for linguistic errors.
- Wrong use of paragraphing is common in this manuscript. Authors may seek the help of a native speaker of English language (The manuscript needs English re-make for clarity).
- Please, check-writing spacing errors.
- Also, the presentation of the article should be more attentive. There are disconnections, especially in the introduction.

- Please, double revise the sections titles and sub-titles writing to give a clear image of the content.
- Please, refrain from repeating the same information in the manuscript.

Answer: As per the suggestion we have made English grammar/ error correction in throughout the manuscript.

### 3- Abstract

In mid-March, the World Health Organization declared.....etc, please add the year of this declaration.

Answer: As per the suggestion we have included 2019 in the manuscript.

Together these results indicate that liver is a potential target of SARS-CoV-2 .....etc, it may be better to be replaced ((Together these results indicate that GI is a potential target of SARS-CoV-2))

Answer: As per the suggestion we have made changes in the manuscript.

4- If it is possible can you illustrate GI symptoms in a figure or table?

Answer: As per the suggestion we have Included table in the manuscript.

### 5- 4.2 Viral Hepatitis:

Unlike metabolic liver disorder, there is little or no evidence that the presence of chronic viral hepatitis affects the progression of COVID-19 disease. (please, check the literature again)

Answer: As per the reviewer suggestion we have checked literature and cited in the manuscript.

7- It would be nice if the authors can tabulate sections 4 & 7 in this review article

Answer: As per the suggestion we have Included table in the manuscript

I hope you would find the revised manuscript suitable for publication in “World Journal of Gastroenterology”.

With best regards,  
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