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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6290-review.doc).

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Thanks sincerely to the reviewers and editors for their useful comments and suggestions. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) For comments 1 from reviewer 1: regarding the literature used, the manuscript has been revised and highlighted in the last paragraph of Introduction on page 5 .

(2) For comments 2 from reviewer 1, the manuscript has been revised and highlighted in the second paragraph on page 8.

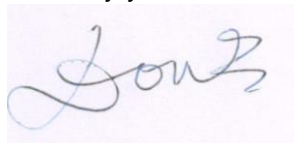
(3) For the comment from reviewer 2, a new publication has been cited as reference 35 in the second paragraph on page 8 which has been highlighted. The number of other citations have been changed accordingly. The new citation in Reference has been highlighted.

3 Core tip is added.

4 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Q. Dong', is placed over a light purple rectangular background.

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