

## Statement as non-native speakers of English

Dear Editor,

It is our understanding that this paper has been invited.

In addition, the manuscript has been also polished by a native speaker.

Thank you very much for inviting us to write the manuscript. We hope you could consider it for the publication in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Xinwu Cui'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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