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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: Collagenous gastritis).

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**Title:** **The Clinical Outcome of Pediatric Collagenous Gastritis: Case Series and Review of literature**

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1. The reviewer's comments and revisions have been addressed as outlined below in point by point fashion.

*1. They mentioned in their title, "Therapeutic strategies" and concluded that "new approach for shortest antisecretory and anti-inflammatory therapy is highly warranted" in the abstract. However, the description and the review regarding the therapeutic strategies are less and the discussion about the topic is relatively poor. Therefore, it is recommended for author to delete the therapeutic... from title and abstract and put a focus on the reviewing of the pediatric type of this disease entity.*

The title has been changed as to be "The clinical outcome of pediatric collagenous gastritis: case series and review of the literature". The conclusion of the abstract (Page 4; Para 1: Line 10) as well as the paper itself (Page 13; Para 3: Line 1) has been made changed to reflect the uncertainty around long term therapy of collagenous gastritis.

*2. To focus on the pediatric type and provide the information of the disease, it would be recommended to describe more detail about two cases submitted by Winslow et al. and Kamimura et al. followed for 12 and 14 years to clarify the difference from adult type case.*

The cases with the longest follow up, by Kamimura and Winslow are high-lightened in the results section (Page 8: Para 3: Line 3) and expanded in the discussion (Page 13; Para 1: line 1). Therein we high-lightened the progression of histopathologic changes, clinical outcome over many years and the distinction between pediatric onset and adult onset disease.

*3. The histopathological features of adult type should be described for the comparison.*

The adult type of collagenous gastritis CG has been further described in (Page 4, Para 1, and line 10). It was compared to pediatric type. This was further discussed in (Page 11, Para 1: line 4) including more discussion about collagenous colitis and clinical outcome of CG compared to cases of CG without collagenous

**4. The results of administration of the systemic steroids and oral budesonide should be included in the results section.colitis.**

Clinical and histological response to steroid was described in detail in (Page 8, Paragraph 5: line 1) including all cases using steroids as systemic or local form. Further discussion was made in (Page 12, Para 1: line 15) including the use of steroids to achieve clinical (although not necessarily histologic) response.

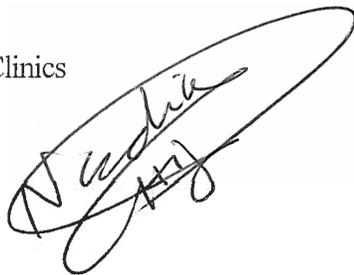
**5. ref #10 Billimaz-> Billiémaz?**

References and typesetting were corrected per requested guidelines and reference # 10 Billiémaz spelling was corrected.

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

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