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Dear Editor,

Please, find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Sebastiani et al_revised (track mode).doc)

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Authors: G. Sebastiani, K. Gkouvatsos and K. Pantopoulos

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We have revised the manuscript according to the recommendations of the reviewers. Changes in the text and in Tables 5 and 6 are visible in track mode. We wish to thank all reviewers for their insightful comments.

We also thank you for your attention to this work, and hope that you will find the revised manuscript suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,



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