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Dear Editorial Office Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your e-mailed message.

My collaborators and I are pleased that our manuscript, entitled “Therapeutic strategies in Crohn's disease in an emergency surgical setting.” (**Manuscript Type:** Invited Manuscript – **Minireview**), has met the requirements for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology (Manuscript NO: 75554).

We have read the comments of the two referees with interest.

The manuscript has been reviewed considering the comments in your letter.

In addition, the technical corrections requested have been carried out.

We have responded point by point to the suggestions of reviewers and this is shown below. Where we feel a change would improve the manuscript, this has been done and the change is highlighted in the text.

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade C (A great deal of language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:**

1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? - The title of the manuscript does reflect the main subject: "Therapeutic strategies in CD" / "emergency surgical setting"

My co-workers and I thank Reviewer #1 for the compliments on our work. My collaborators and I have no further comments to make

2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript? - Yes the abstract gives a good summary

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3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? - Key words reflect the focus of the manuscript

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4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? - After the author discusses the clinical picture in general, the aspect of surgical intervention is brought to the fore. The study builds on this.

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5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments, data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? - The method section in particular is missing; In the following, different aspects are mentioned

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(diagnosis, INITIAL OPTIMIZATION, etc). I would recommend to briefly describe the type of study (e.g. mini-review with corresponding previous recommendations as literature table).

My collaborators and I commented on the type of study and the purpose of our study. A sentence has been inserted in the Introduction.

6 Results. Are the research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study has made for research progress in this field? - I think INDICATIONS TO EMERGENCY SURGERY is the result / end-point of the study, which gives a good overview with the different complications

7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? - The discussion is incorporated into the results section and provides a good overview of the various indications for surgery and complications. Corresponding literature references are provided and discussed along with the most important points.

The manuscript is a review of the literature results. My collaborators and I have reported diagnosis and treatment in the paragraph of each single complication. My co-workers and I thank Reviewer #1 for the compliments on our work. My collaborators and I have no further comments to make

8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? - I would suggest a small table within the mini-review with various references. Also, a graph (pie chart) with corresponding percentages of the various complication rates given in the literature would be helpful (e.g. presence of an abscess 20%; INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION with ileo-colic localization (35-54%). The presented pictures give a good example of the different complications.

My co-workers and I thank Reviewer #1 for the compliments on our work. My collaborators and I have no further comments to make. A table (Table 4) was included in the manuscript. The table shows the incidences of the various acute complications of Crohn's disease with the relative references.

9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of biostatistics? – Yes

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10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? – yes

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11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections? Does the author self-cite, omit, incorrectly cite and/or over-cite references? - The literature section reflects the current status of this disease.

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12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. Is the manuscript well, concisely and coherently organized and presented? Is the style, language and grammar accurate and appropriate? - The presentation overall of the manuscript is well done.

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13 Research methods and reporting. Authors should have prepared their manuscripts according to manuscript type and the appropriate categories, as follows: (1) CARE Checklist (2013) - Case report; (2) CONSORT 2010 Statement - Clinical Trials study, Prospective study, Randomized Controlled trial, Randomized Clinical trial; (3) PRISMA 2009 Checklist - Evidence-Based Medicine, Systematic review, Meta-Analysis; (4) STROBE Statement - Case Control study, Observational study, Retrospective Cohort study; and (5) The ARRIVE Guidelines - Basic study. Did the author prepare the manuscript according to the appropriate research methods and reporting? - Guidelines and statements are correct and complete

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14 Ethics statements. For all manuscripts involving human studies and/or animal experiments, author(s) must submit the related formal ethics documents - no comments

My co-workers and I thank Reviewer #1 for the compliments on our work. My collaborators and I have no further comments to make.

Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** The paper is written well. I recommend that reports on PNI (prognostic nutritional index) and Crohn's disease are included in the section of INITIAL OPTIMIZATION.

My co-workers and I thank Reviewer #2 for the compliments on our work. In accordance with the reviewer's comment, sentences on the role of the prognostic nutritional index have been included in the text.

**Science editor:**

The manuscript gives a good overview of the indications of surgical treatment in acute complications in CD. The comments of the reviewers should be answered. The authors provided an English editing certificate, however there are still several grammar mistakes that should be addressed.

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

The manuscript was revised in accordance with the suggestions made by the reviewers. The text was revised and corrected by a native English speaker (Dr. Neill James Adams).

**(2) Company editor-in-chief:**

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Please provide decomposable Figures (in which all components are movable and editable), organize them into a single PowerPoint file. Please authors are required to provide standard three-line tables, that is, only the top line, bottom line, and column line are displayed, while other table lines are hidden. The contents of each cell in the table should conform to the editing specifications, and the lines of each row or column of the table should be aligned. Do not use carriage returns or spaces to replace lines or vertical lines and do not segment cell content. In order to respect and protect the author's intellectual property rights and prevent others from misappropriating figures without the author's authorization or abusing figures without indicating the source, we will indicate the author's copyright for figures originally generated by the author, and if the author has used a figure published elsewhere or that is copyrighted, the author needs to be authorized by the previous publisher or the copyright holder and/or indicate the reference source and copyrights. Please check and confirm whether the figures are original (i.e. generated de novo by the author(s) for this paper). If the picture is 'original', the author needs to add the following copyright information to the bottom right-hand side of the picture in PowerPoint (PPT): Copyright ©The Author(s) 2022. If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH. Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]". And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable.

The purpose of the study has been included in the paragraph "Introduction". The manuscript was revised in accordance with the suggestions made by the reviewers. The text was revised and corrected by a native English speaker (Dr. Neill James Adams).

The tables have been modified in accordance with the recommendations of the Editor in Chief.

Thank You very much for your interest, we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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