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Re: Revised Manuscript ID 00038755

Dear Dr. Ma and *World Journal of Gastroenterology* editorial board,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript and we appreciate the reviewers comments received. We have incorporated all the reviewer comments, which are highlighted in red font in the main revised manuscript and addressed point by point below.

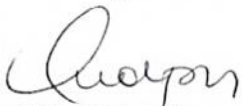
The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestion of the reviewers:

- 1) Abstract has been added
- 2) The introduction has been revised to include a clarification statement that standard therapy or pharmacology of measures such as pain control and antibiotics are not discussed
- 3) Introduction has been changed to include a further discussion on the pathophysiology of the disease
- 4) Papers that include the usefulness of anti-secretory agents in the treatment of pancreatitis have been added

- 5) The name of the AP model used are added throughout the paper
- 6) The appropriate reference was added for the statement that inducible nitric oxide synthase activity is thought to be increased in AP
- 7) Older references are removed and replaced with newer references. The formatting of the references was also changed to not include the name of the society of a journal and changed to Vancouver style
- 8) A discussion was added to include more recent trials on steroid therapy
- 9) Table 1 was modified to include the name of the AP model used for each study. The heading was also modified to say "Outcome assessment"
- 10) Abbreviations were appropriately written out in full when first mentioned

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

Sincerely,



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