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Dear Editor,

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Title: Review of the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal bezoars

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

1. The format has been updated.
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Reviewer 1: This is a review dealing with gastrointestinal bezoars. The subject is extensively covered but I would like to make some points for minor corrections. 1. In Abstract page 2 I would begin the sentence: The formation of a bezoar..... instead of A bezoar.... 2. In Abstract page 2 line 9 it should be written ...phytobezoars may be resistant... 3. In Prevalence page 4 I would change the first sentence as follows: Bezoars of the GI tract are a relatively rare disease entity with a variable incidence among studies..... 4. In page 11, line 3 the sentence should change: Although formation of bezoars are..... 5. In page 11, line 7 I would suggest ... to form... instead of ...to occur... and in line 8 ...risks... should change to ...risk factors... 6. In page 11, line 13 I would change the sentence as follows: ...dystrophy have impaired

gastric motility. 7. In page 14 in last sentence, it is stated that bezoar fragments showed significantly better dissolubility in Coca-Cola Zero. However, it is not provided the statistical test used. 8. In page 18, line 18 the word gastroprokinetic should change to prokinetic.

(2) Reviewer 2: This is a very good and well structured review of an uncommon problem. In addition to the comprehensive review of the topic, including the authors' own case series, it includes new research into to composition of persimmon phytobezoar. The authors, however, acknowledge that this was limited to bezoar fragments from a single patient. This seems to be the main limitation of the paper. Also, why are there no published reports on using Pepsi-Cola for the purpose of dissolving phytobezoars? Maybe the authors could explain this. Some minor improvements include: Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola Light, Coca-Cola Zero and Diet Coke are registered trademarks and this should be highlighted in the manuscript by using the ® symbol. There is no need to use a comma after i.e. (see introduction). Coca-Cola is always spelled with capital Cs (misspelled once). Overall I would recommend this paper for publication with some minor corrections.

(3) Reviewer 3: Figures 2,3,4 add little to the manuscript, please remove.

We deeply appreciate the reviewers' favorable comments, and we have revised our paper according to these suggestions and the revision policies of the journal.

3. The references and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

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