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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma,

We hereby submit our invited editorial for consideration of submission to the World Journal of Gastroenterology. We supply the following statements in addition to the article:

1. This article as review was not considered through an institutional review board as approval was not considered appropriate
2. This article as a review was not submitted to any informed consent as no patients were directly involved.
3. This article was not registered as a clinical trial.
4. No animals were involved within this article.
5. This review was not submitted to a biostatistician, as this was not appropriate.
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Yours sincerely



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