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Dear Editor, dear Dr. Qi,

Enclosed please find the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 22093-review.doc).

Title: Advanced gastrointestinal endoscopic imaging for inflammatory bowel diseases.

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The manuscript has been improved according to Reviewers' and Editor's suggestions.

We thank the Editor for the comments and for this valuable opportunity.

- Reviewer #1: *"An interesting and well done review paper. Nice to read and usefull too!"*

Author's reply: We thank the Reviewer for the kind comments.

- Reviewer #2: *"This is a very well written review on "Advanced Gastrointestinal Endoscopy for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases" basically focused on non interventional management of IBD. I would emphasize it and make the title more relevant to the text itself. Endoscopic interventions are also very important for the management of IBD. Adding some figures about the described tools and techniques would add more to educational value of the paper. Respectfully ."*

Author's reply: We thank the Reviewer for the kind comments.

We agree with the first Reviewer and we have changed the original title ("Advanced gastrointestinal endoscopy for inflammatory bowel diseases") to the following: "Advanced gastrointestinal endoscopic imaging for inflammatory bowel diseases".

About the figures, we discussed this issue before submitting the original manuscript. We believe that, despite interesting, these additional figures and the corresponding amount of additional space could be redundant. Moreover, to provide an equal and fully comprehensive overview of all the available devices and instrumentations provided by different companies, we should display several images, which have been already published, thereby adding only a diminutive additional value to the present manuscript. Nonetheless, whenever the Reviewer or the Editor would definitively support the presence of images, we will be glad to provide them quickly.

- Reviewer #3: *"1.Abstract section: The aauthors should not use abbro. such as IBD in this section. 2. Key words: colorectal canser can be omit. 3. Molecular imaging section could be omit. 4. The authors can add a sharp conclusion paragraph will be better"*

Author's reply: Thank You for these valuable comments. Accordingly,

- 1) We have replaced the abbreviation "IBD" from the abstract section;
- 2) We have deleted the key word "colorectal cancer";
- 3) We have shortened the paragraph on molecular imaging; however since molecular imaging is a rapidly evolving field that has gained increased attention in the recent past, we suggest to leave a short and relevant part of this paragraph in the manuscript. Further, we have added a short conclusion paragraph to the revised manuscript.

- **Reviewer #4:** please note that Reviewer #4 is the same Reviewer that has performed the revision #3.

Once again, we thank the Editor and the Reviewers for all the valuable comments, which have highly improved our manuscript. After consideration of our responses to these comments, we hope that our revised manuscript will merit final acceptance and publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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