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On behalf of all the authors in this manuscript, I present the language editing certificate here. I am Professor Juan Li from Tianjin Medical University, and I had been working here for 8 years. The first author (Xiaofeng Li) of this study and I both graduated from department of immunology in Peking University Health Science Center with doctor's degree. As known, for manuscript submitted to "World Journal of Gastroenterology" from non-native speakers of English, the authors are required to provide a language editing certificate which will serve to verify that the language of the manuscript has reached grade A. Xiaofeng Li turned to me for help because she believed that I am quite experienced at English writing, even though I am not a native speaker of English. I had published several papers in English this year, and I had been studying in Canada for 1 year. I am very honored to have the opportunity to edit this

manuscript. I had done my best to improve the grammatical structure and vocabulary content of this manuscript and to identify problems that require a revision before the first submission. I am really satisfied that Xiaofeng Li had revised the manuscript as suggested to ensure that her intended meaning is expressed in a clear and accurate manner before submission.

In the end, I am really glad that the classification of the manuscript language quality evaluation is both A from the two reviewers. However, I believe that the authors are willing to make a further revision if you have other suggestions to the language editing of this manuscript.

My published papers are listed as following

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