

Statement as non-native speakers of English

Dear Editor,

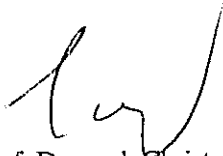
it is our understanding that this paper has been invited.

In addition, the manuscript has been also "polished" by a native speaker.

Please advice.

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

Sincerely yours,



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