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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: De Palma&Rispo-EditorialCLE.doc).

Title: Confocal laser endomicroscopy in inflammatory bowel diseases: dream or reality?

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

REVIWER-1.

Many thanks for your comments.

As suggested, we added in the text a little internal paragraph about technical aspects so to get a better interpretation of the subsequent CLE features in IBD (e.g. fluorescein leakage).

As requested, we added 2 figures of CLE in UC patients.

The term “biopsied” was replaced with “undergo biopsy”.

In accordance with the “Editorial format” of WJG we decided to maintain the current structure of the paper without division in several paragraph.

REVIEWER-2.

Many thanks for your comments.

As suggested, we underlined that the reduction in biopsies is mainly due to chromoendoscopy and we highlighted the fact that CLE focuses on areas that looks abnormal after dye spraying.

We added further 2 (ref 12-13) references for reinforcing the concept reported in the text.

REVIEWER-3.

Many thanks for your comments.

All correction are reported in RED in the text.

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

Sincerely yours,

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