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Dear Dr. Jin-Lei Wang

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name)

Title: *Clostridium difficile*-Associated Disease: Adherence with Current Guidelines at a Tertiary Medical Center

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the editor and reviewers as follows:

1. Author contributions have been added as requested.
2. Separate section for corresponding author has been added.
3. Contact information, including telephone and fax number, has been added.
4. Key words have been added after the abstract section as requested.
5. Core tip section has been added into the main body of the paper.
6. Reference format has been updated to super script.
7. A significant number of references have been added to increase the total number to 26.
8. References have been updated to include PMID and DOI numbers, where available.
9. A sentence has been added to the Discussion section (1st paragraph) addressing VRE resistance as a possible cause for not using Vancomycin in treatment of CDAD, with references.
10. Per suggestion of reviewer 00466368, a sentence including antibiotic stewardship has been added to the Discussion section (1st paragraph) with references.
11. A sentence highlighting the significance of nosocomial spread of CDAD, with references, has been added to the Discussion section.
12. Per suggestion of reviewer 00466368, a sentence explaining the limitations of the toxin assay compared to PCR for the detection of C diff has been added to the Discussion section (5th paragraph), with reference.
13. The comment section, including background, research frontiers, innovations and breakthroughs, applications, terminology, and peer review, has been added.

Thank you once again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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