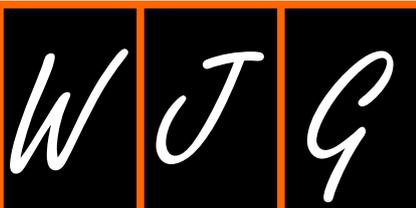


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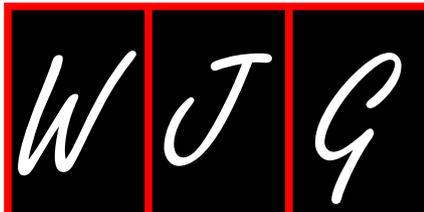
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Abstract

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In order to further enhance the scope of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology (WJG)*, to make it more interactive, and to accommodate our readers' interest, we ask the readers for their input regarding potential new proposed changes and new subsections listed below:

(1) New subsection - Selected highlights from other related Baishideng Publishing Group (BPG) world series journals (*World Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*, *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, and others) notable, important articles - title, authors, abstract and perhaps one key figure; a maximum 2-3 per 1 *WJG* Issue. This would provide not only a new information but also would facilitate exposure of the *WJG* readers to important papers in other BPG world series journals. The editors of these other BPG journals would select the best papers.

(2) New subsection - challenging images of the week - a quiz with an answer and references on another page. Two to three images per issue - endoscopic, computed tomography (CT)-scan, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), histology, etc. Some of the images can be used from these other BPG journals. Some of the examples are in the "Welcome to the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*" sample issue (at <https://www.wjgnet.com>).

(3) To re-introduce or restore for some issues the cover page on which selected illustration and/or visual abstracts from current articles will be presented (when worthwhile) as well as the photos of the key authors of frontiers and major editorial articles.

(4) New subsection - new hypotheses, new concepts and revisiting old concepts in a short, commentary format.

(5) Preview of the forthcoming *WJG* issue articles (title and authors).

(6) Suggestions submitted by the readers - new topics and initiatives after careful selection by the editors for content that could improve the quality of the journal: the readers, their voice, initiative, and suggestions are very important and they count.

(7) Additional topic area - molecular basis of gastric/liver diseases as an additional area for articles submitted to the journal.

The above suggestions are for the sake of the discussion and exchanging ideas, and naturally, not all are doable at this time.

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