

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Clinical Update for the Diagnosis and Treatment of *Clostridium difficile* Infection

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The following suggestions were addressed and improved in our revisions:

1) Formatting and typeset:

The format and references have been updated in accordance with the journal specifications.

2) Reviewer suggestion: remove the section on radiology.

We feel this is an essential addition to the manuscript. The radiologic findings of *C. difficile* infection may aid in the rapid clinical detection of CDI in certain cases.

3) Reviewer suggestion: add more on strain types and toxins

The paper briefly reviews *C. difficile* strain and toxins, however, given the topic of diagnosis and treatment we feel additional information on the epidemiology of CDI is beyond the scope of this paper.

4) Reviewer suggestion: add brief comment on the incidence of CDI in immunosuppressed patients (transplant patients) and the treatment challenges facing it.

We have added in a section on the incidence and treatment of CDI in immunosuppressed patients.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics*.

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