

***Re: Manuscript No 55796***

Dear Editor-in-Chief of the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery,

We would like to thank you for accepting our paper for publication in the “World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery”. We wish to thank reviewers for their comments. Please find below the response to individual items.

**(1) *Scientific quality:***

The reviewers did not raise any scientific issues regarding this manuscript.

**(2) *Language quality:***

The authors of this manuscript are native-English speakers and there has been no issue in regards to the language, based on reviewers’ comments.

**(3) *Special requirements for figures:***

This manuscript does not have any figure.

**(4) *Special requirements for tables:***

The table is referenced in the text according to the journal guidelines.

**(5) *Special requirements for references:***

The DOI and PMID for all references are now included. References number: 1, 10, 11 and 15 are the only ones with no PMID and DOI and therefore the first page of these references have been provided. All the references are cited in the text according to the journal guidelines.

**(6) *Special requirements for article highlights***

This manuscript is expert opinion and per journal guidelines “article highlights” are not required.

**(7) *Ethical documents:***

There is no concern in regards to the accuracy of the ethical documents.

**(8) *Approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s):***

No funding or grant was used for preparation of this manuscript.

We would like to thank again for accepting our work for publication, please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns.