

Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name ESPS-5640-revised.doc).

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We thank the editor and reviewer for their helpful comments and herewith are our responses (all corrections in manuscript are marked in red):

1. The manuscript has been reformatted to conform to the format of “Minireviews”
2. Response to reviewer:
  - a. The section “Methods” has been removed and its contents incorporated into the “Introduction” section, a suggestion from the editors. The “Results” section has been removed.
  - b. The “systematic review” has been removed from the title.
  - c. Reference to Table 1 has been placed in the main discussion as suggested.
  - d. Changes have been made to the manuscript as suggested in the minor comments.

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

Sincerely yours,

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