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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6350-review.doc).

Title: TAVI as a potential new strategy in a 50 years old patient with a severe aortic stenosis and aggressive HIV: a case report.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. TAVI should be spelled out. Authors need more general information about TAVI in the section of Introduction. 2. Is this manuscript a first report for using TAVI in patients with aggressive HIV? Authors should add more information of the situation of TAVI for the immunocompromised patients.

REPLY.

We thank the reviewer for his/her comments. We stressed and described TAVI procedure, the first (reported) case of HIV with TAVI (discussion page 3).

2.

This case report represents a useful summary of procedural decision-making in HIV-patients with aortic stenosis. It should be mentioned that while TAVI may be an acceptable procedure in some countries, the procedure is still considered investigational in other countries (such as the US) and may thus have limited application at this point. As space permits, it would be pertinent to the discussion section to acknowledge this limitation. Additionally, further information about the multidisciplinary discussion that led to the decision to perform the implant would considerably improve the

value of the paper, as this may be useful in formulating TAVI criterion in HIV-patients in the future.

REPLY.

We thank the reviewer for his/her comments. We described better both multidisciplinary discussion both US practice for TAVI

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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