

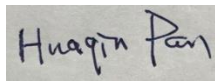
Dear Editors,

Thanks for inviting us to submit a review manuscript entitled "COVID-19 and its effects on the digestive system" for publication in *"World Journal of Gastroenterology"*. The invited manuscript NO is 05386405.

I am writing for you to expound that we authors are not all non-native speakers of English. Emily Pellegrini, from Houston, Texas, United States, contributed to check and revise the manuscript. The manuscript was edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by the native English speaker author.

Thank you and best regards.
Sincerely yours,

Dr. Huaqin Pan.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Huaqin Pan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.