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Editor

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Dear Editor:

RE: Manuscript NO.: 65919 Revision submission

Thank you for allowing us to review our manuscript for World Journal of Clinical Cases. We would like to extend the gratitude to the editor and reviewers for the time taken to review our manuscript. We appreciate the positive feedback received and remain aware of the limitations of our review. Please see below our response in a “point-by-point” fashion. We hope that we have adequately addressed your concerns and that you find this new optimized version suitable for publication in your esteemed journal.

Sincerely,

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Specific Comments to Authors: I have read the manuscript entitled The Role of Gastrointestinal System on Transmission and Pathogenesis of SARS-COV-2, submitted to World Journal of Gastroenterology. In this paper, the authors aimed to underline the importance of raising awareness for the control of the pandemic by updating the information about the fecal-oral transmission route.

## **ANSWERS TO THE COMMENTS OF REVIEWER 1**

***1. There are some errors in grammar and spelling in the article and should be corrected by the authors.***

Kindly accept our apologies for our inattention that caused significant errors in spelling, format and content. The manuscript has been proofread three times by each author, and also by a native-English colleague. We have revised the manuscript and corrected the mistakes.

***2. The format of references cited in the article is not standard (e.g., Reference 39, 40 and 41), and some information is incomplete. Please modify it according to the requirements of the journal. The font size of References 47 and 48 are inconsistent with other references. References 37 - 48 do not seem to have any period at the end of numbers.***

For the reference format within the article, we are sorry for our incorrect citation format. And in this revised version, we have corrected all the reference formats to meet the requirements of WJCC.

***3. I did not see references 33 throughout the article. Please remove it.***

The reference list was revised, and all changes were performed to comply with the recommendation.

***4. "In December 2019, a new type of Coronavirus (novel coronavirus, nCoV), was first identified in a series of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, Hubei, China and caused an outbreak considered one of the greatest global health care crises with its overwhelming medical, economic, and social effects (1)" The reference you gave can only prove the first half of the sentence. There is no data in the literature to support that "considered one of the greatest global health care crises with its overwhelming medical, economic, and social effects".***

The reference list was revised and added two new references, and all changes were performed to comply with the recommendation. We have revised the sentence as below for your kind review:

‘In December 2019, a new type of Coronavirus (novel coronavirus, nCoV), was first identified in a series of pneumonia cases in Wuhan, Hubei, China and declared as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020.’

**5. "Although respiratory transmission via droplet infection is accepted as the primary means of route, additional routes such as direct contact, fecal-oral, and blood transmission have been suspected". please provide references.**

The reference list was revised and added reference, and all changes were performed to comply with the recommendation

**6. Transcription of subgenomic mRNA (sgmRNA) of SARS-CoV-2 shows active virus replication in the tissue due to it could not be packaged into virions. Thereby the presence of viral SARS-CoV-2 subgenomic mRNA (sgmRNA)..." The full name only needs to appear once, followed by a unified abbreviation.**

Response: We appreciate the reviewer’s valuable comments. We reviewed the manuscript carefully and revised according to the comments.

**7. The authors should remove the strikethrough**

Response: We reviewed the manuscript carefully and removed the strikethrough according to the comments.

## **EDITORIAL OFFICE’S COMMENTS**

**Science editor:**

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**2. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list**

*and list all authors of the references.*

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