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Dear editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for allowing us to revise our manuscript, we appreciate the editor and reviewers very much for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “Comment on “Diagnostic approach to faecal incontinence: What test and when to perform?” (Manuscript ID:68003).

We have studied the reviewer’s comments carefully and have made revision which marked in red by track changes mode in the paper. We have tried our best to revise our manuscript according to the comments. Attached please find the revised version, which we would like to submit for your kind consideration.

To further improve the language quality of the manuscript, we hired a foreign professor from Lanzhou University to polish the manuscript. I hope this paper is suitable for “**World J Gastroenterol**”. We deeply appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving comments from the reviewers. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Thank you and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #1 (Comments to the Authors (Required)):

This letter is a very well-written, ell reviewed document. I do agree with the author regarding the facts they raised. cutaneous nerve stimulation is playing an important role presently that was mentioned appropriately.

Author response and action taken:

Thank you very much for your affirmation and look forward to having more academic exchanges with you.

Reviewer #2 (Comments to the Authors (Required)):

please summarize the strengths of the review article that the editorial discusses. i would prefer instead of saying this was deficient to say we think there other factors to be considered such as etc

Author response and action taken:

Thank you very much for your suggestion, this is a very valuable point. As you said, we focused on the details of the article, and lacked a statement on the highlights of the article. This is indeed a very practical article, especially for clinicians' diagnostic strategies in diagnosing fecal incontinence.

Based on your suggestions, we have added the features and highlights of the article to the manuscript, as described below:

In this review, the author has systematically summarized and analyzed the clinical evaluation and examination of faecal incontinence (FI) patients for clinicians, which provided an important practical toolbox when evaluating FI patients. The salient highlight of this review was that it not only systematically expounded the etiology and pathogenesis of FI, but importantly, it combined clinical evaluation and inspection strategies, and provided unique insights into the structured and step-by-step method of evaluating and diagnosing FI. This research had a strong reference and practical value for sorting out the management ideas of FI and breaking down obstacles.

Science Editor (Comments to the Authors (Required)):

1. Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This letter is a very well written. However, this research should first talk about the advantages of censorship. Instead of just focusing on



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defects. Language can be more collegial. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered.

Author response and action taken:

Thanks for the editor's suggestion. We have elaborated on this part and responded to it above

2. Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search.

Author response and action taken:

Thank you very much for your reminder, we have sent the conflict-of-interest disclosure form and copyright license agreement to the editorial department.

3. Issues raised: (1) I found no "Core tip", please add; (2) I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions; and (3) I found the authors did not add full the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Author response and action taken:

Thank you very much for your reminder. Based on your suggestions, we have added "Core tip, Author contribution, PMID and DOI" related content to the manuscript.