

Dear Editor in Chief of WJG,

We are sending you the invited review n. 7120 for publication in the Special issue celebrating the 20th anniversary of WJG. It has been modified according to the reviewer' comments.

Replay to first reviewer:

- 1) We tabulated the salient histo-pathological and bio-molecular features in table 3.
- 2) We compared CD and UC in Figure 1.
- 3) The potential clinical implications are discussed in the Conclusion Section.
- 4) Minor comments. Multiple punctuation and spelling errors are corrected.

Replay to second reviewer:

- 1) The review has been shortened, especially in the Section of Genetics in CD. Moreover, table 1 has been corrected. Finally, the number of the tables has been reduced.

With best regards

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