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Dear Editors-in-Chief,

*Andrzej S Tarnawski, DSc, MD, PhD, Professor,*

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Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to revise our manuscript "*Factors affecting the quality of bowel preparation for colonoscopy in hard-to-prepare patients: evidence from the literature*":

We have thoroughly read the author guidelines and complied with them, we all have read and approved this version of the manuscript. None of the authors had a conflict of interest to disclose concerning this manuscript.

We are especially grateful to the Reviewers for their precious contributions and comments. We have revised our manuscript at our best, also accordingly for grammar, style, structure and we hope that you will now find it suitable for publication in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. In case of final acceptance, we agree to make this manuscript open-access.

The changes in the manuscript are identified with track change mode. Below you can find a point-by-point reply to the Reviewers.

We are looking forward to receiving your decision in due time.

Thank you for your precious time,

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**Reviewer #1:** This article on enteric-related is devoted to analyzing the factors affecting intestinal preparation difficulties, providing more effective intestinal preparation schemes for enteric-related surgery and colonoscopy. It clarifies the causes of intestinal preparation difficulties respectively from the aspects of drug dosage form, diet, program selection, examination timing needle and different populations, and provides corresponding schemes with clear structure. Personalized intestinal preparation is of great significance for clinical guidance. For the article chart, more illustrations will be more popular with readers.

- **Reply 1:** We appreciate the reviewer's helpful suggestion. Accordingly, we have included **Figure 2** to further pique the readers' interest. In Figure 2 we have added specific and practical tips to optimize bowel preparation.

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**Reviewer #2:** This review article summarized factors related to bowel preparation and provided suggestions for hard-to-prepare patients. Overall it was well written. The specific clinical settings were well reviewed and organised. The table 1 provided the recommendation for these specific settings. However, the references for supporting the recommendation should be provided in the table 1.

- **Reply 2:** We thank the reviewer for his useful suggestion. As a result, we have included the specific references in table 1.

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**Reviewer #3:** This review manuscript is well written. However, it is a little bit long. Please shorten this manuscript

- **Reply 3:** We appreciate the reviewer's helpful suggestion. We have cut some unnecessary sentences or concepts within our manuscript.