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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 2429-review.doc).

Title: Could the improvement of obesity-related co-morbidities depend on modified gut hormones secretion?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(2) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Since obesity is a quite serious condition as it is implicated in the development of diseases such as CVD, T2DM and cancer together with the fact that obesity has acquired epidemic characteristics makes its study obesity one of the highest priorities for the maintenance of public health. The review describes interesting recent findings about the treatment of this condition using bariatric surgery and proposes that this therapeutic approach could find potential application in the treatment of T2DM and NAFLD. Although the organisation of the material is logical the provided information in several places is overflowing and sometimes redundant making it difficult for the reader to understand the message the authors want to get through. The section entitled "Peripheral Feedback Signals" could be better described by providing a figure illustrating these events and their physiological outcome. Data presented in Tables indicate the inconsistencies reported in studies, but the authors should provide clear conclusions based on their own research or their analysis of the published data instead of just presenting some potential explanations that justify the inconsistencies. The section entitled "Hormonal Basis of Bariatric Surgery" contains a long introduction the necessity of which is not apparent. The molecular pathways affected by hormone signaling are mentioned only for leptin (JAK-STAT and MAPK signal transduction) and not for any other hormone and even in the case of leptin the description is only one sentence which is not informative. The section entitled "Gut Microbiota and Bariatric Surgery" contains a long introduction which does directly address the link between gut microbiota and bariatric surgery. The future directions section contains irrelevant material which could be omitted. The conclusion does not address the title of the review. There are many spelling grammatical and syntactic errors.

On the basis of these comments, a new version was generated according

to every precious suggestion.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Giovanni Tarantino