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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Manuscript NO 9761-edited.doc).

Title: Infectious etiopathogenesis of Crohn's disease

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

1 Format has been updated

We have modified the abstract and added the Core tip as required.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer. All changes are highlighted (underlined, in red) in the text.

-Introduction: The second and third paragraphs that deal with the genetic role and environment can be condensed into one short paragraph as this is not the main purpose of the review.

We have edited the manuscript as suggested (page 3-4).

-1. Intestinal microbiota and Crohn's disease : The 4th paragraph that begins "Intestinal microbiota plays..." probably can be deleted.

We have removed this part from the revised manuscript. Thank you.

-Page #5, last 2 sentences were already discussed in page #4, third paragraph.

We agree with the reviewer and we have deleted these sentences.

-Page 11, top paragraph mentions that antibiotics result in 66% remission. This may have been seen in some studies but certainly not the norm, may rephrase the sentence.

We have reconstructed the sentence as suggested by the reviewer (page 12).

-Page 14, Pathovar definition. There is repetition of a couple sentences in this paragraph. "Indeed, the factors involved in the adhesion..."

We are sorry for this typing mistake. It has been corrected.

-Page 17, the benefit of mesalamine in Crohn's is questionable

We have reconstructed the sentence as suggested by the reviewer (page 19 of the revised manuscript).

-Page 18. Fecal microbiota. May delete sentence on "The standard treatment of this infection..." and "A clinical trial reported that a duodenal infusion..." as the treatment of C diff is not the main focus.

We agree with the reviewer. This sentence has been deleted.

We would like to thank the reviewer for this evaluation. We revised the manuscript accordingly.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hang Nguyen', is written over a horizontal line.

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