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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 positioned above a horizontal line.

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