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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (ESPS manuscript No: 9781.

Title: **Diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease: Potential role of molecular biometrics** (Previous title: Advances and Challenges in the Diagnostic Accuracy of Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Potential role of molecular biometrics). Previous title was too long.

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The manuscript has been improved according to suggestions of reviewers:

- 1) The Title has slightly changed to: **Diagnostic of inflammatory bowel disease: Potential role of molecular biometrics.**
- 2) I have added ONE additional Table, Table 2.
- 3) I have added ONE separate section discussing about MALDI IMS on page 11. This particular issue was a significant concern of the reviewers, the difference between MALDI MS *vs.* MALDI IMS technologies.
- 4) I have also added significant number of references and typescript errors were corrected in the manuscript including academic language as per reviewer 2.

Once again thank you for publishing this manuscript in the World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. This is a great honor to me.

Sincerely yours



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