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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript (revised) in World format (file name: 6238-edited (revised)).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers and editor (with changes highlighted in yellow).

1. Abstract reduced in length and summarized (see yellow highlights in abstract).
2. Metastatic disease further elaborated (see yellow highlight statement in text).
3. Added reference for age-dependent changes of early/late onset Crohn's disease (reference #50).
4. "Granulomatous inflammatory change" better defined (see yellow highlight at end of introduction) with added reference (reference #7).
5. End paragraph title changed to include word "Summary" (see yellow highlight).
6. The format has been updated.
7. References and typesetting corrected with bold face first author and journal titles in italics.

Thank you for publishing this manuscript in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely,



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