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RE: Revision of manuscript *Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis*, 39858

The Editors, *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

Dear Dr. Ze-Mao Gong,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript, *Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis*. We appreciate your careful review and constructive suggestions.

Following this letter are the editor and reviewer comments with our responses in italics, indicating how and where the text was modified. Changes made in the manuscript are marked using track changes. This revision was undertaken in consultation with all coauthors who approve of the final form of this revision. The agreement form signed by each author remains valid.

Sincerely,

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REVIEWER #1:

This article is well written and very interesting for readers.

Thank you for your kind response.

REVIEWER #2:

This manuscript entitled "Encapsulating Peritoneal Sclerosis" (EPS) is a review about a rare condition. The authors present a well written and comprehensive review that covers the entire known spectrum of EPS. I only have minor comments to add:

Please, consider that few sentences start with 3 "spaces" rather than 2 ones in the rest of the manuscript.

We attempted to locate these instances and change them to 2 spaces (lines 87, 100, 185)

Please, consider to provide an explanation of PD, VEGF, IL-6, COL1A1, TGF, CCN2, mTOR, CRP, UK abbreviations in the main text before use them.

Thank you for pointing this out. We provided explanations with the exception of CCN2, which to our knowledge, is not an abbreviation, but refers to a family of extracellular signal modulators (lines 115, 120, 121, 124, 245, and 292).

Section "Imaging": 2nd sentence needs a period symbol (full stop) at the end.

Corrected (line 175)

Section "Laboratory": 1st sentence in-text citation has non-consistent appearance. (i.e. no "[]").

Corrected (line 196)

Section "Histopathology": Last sentence: please, reconsider comma use.

Deleted the superfluous comma (line 208)

Section "EPS Staging": Last sentence in-text citation has non-consistent appearance.

Corrected (line 220)

Section "Dysmotility": 1st sentence needs a period symbol (full stop) at the end AND in-text citation has non-consistent appearance.

Corrected (line 332)