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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5895-highlighted.doc).

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to most of the suggestions of the reviewers. The revised file of the manuscript is attached, with changes or added parts marked in red, and deleted parts of the old manuscript crossed out (5895-highlighted.doc).

(1) The suggestions have been accepted, and the text modified accordingly. Some of the informations are summarized in a table, added at the end of the manuscript.

(2) The text has been simplified. Stylistic/linguistic improvements have been made, though no professional English language company has been contacted, because we tried to improved the style and language ourselves, and to correct errors in the revised version of the manuscript (all three reviewers indicated minor language polishing, so we did)

(3) The text has been changed according to the suggestions of the reviewer.

The text has been shortened, and made more clinically appealing, as suggested by all the reviewers. We provide also three powerpoint format files, one for each figure, so that they are now decomposable, as requested.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

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