

Dear editor,

The comments of you and the reviewers were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript.

We have gone through the manuscript again and revised the minor grammatical errors.

We hope that the revisions in the manuscript will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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