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**Dear Editor,**

Please find enclosed the resubmitted revised manuscript for the mini-review titled: **Abdominal and gastrointestinal manifestations in COVID-19 patients: is imaging useful?**; Manuscript NO.: **62900**.

We have read thoroughly all the reviewer comments with the constructive criticism which I do respect for the perfection of the manuscript.

We have taken all comments into consideration and we answered the questions and revised the text accordingly (all changes are highlighted in bold).

I am herewith attaching the revised manuscript and the point-to-point replies to the reviewers.

I always do appreciate very much your support.

With my best regards,

Sincerely,

Piero Boraschi

## **Reply to reviewers:**

### **SCIENTIFIC QUALITY**

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** I think it is a very good study especially these days when the pandemic is intense. I believe its publication will be very useful both clinically and scientifically.

I would like to thank the reviewer for the very positive comments on my manuscript.

### **LANGUAGE QUALITY**

Please resolve all language issues in the manuscript based on the peer review report. Please be sure to have a native-English speaker edit the manuscript for grammar, sentence structure, word usage, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and general readability, so that the manuscript's language will meet our direct publishing needs.

The manuscript has been revised thoroughly and edited by an English native speaker.

### **EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS**

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

**(1) *Science editor:*** 1 **Scientific quality:** The manuscript describes a minireview of the abdominal and gastrointestinal manifestations in COVID-19 patients. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) **Classification:** Grade B; (2) **Summary of the Peer-Review Report:** It is a very good study especially these days when the pandemic is intense; (3) **Format:** There are 13 figures; (4) **References:** A total of 82 references are cited, including 73 references published in the last 3 years; (5) **Self-cited**

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The manuscript has been revised according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions.

All references are edited with the addition of the PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation as well as the required reference style.

The “Author Contributions” section has been provided. The figures have been prepared and arranged using a PowerPoint file.

**(2) Editorial office director:**

**(3) Company editor-in-chief:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

I would like to thank the Company editor-in-chief for the positive comments on my manuscript. The manuscript text has been revised according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

We hope that the corrections we’ve tried to make will meet with the approval.

Once again, thank you very much for all your kind comments and suggestions.