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RE:

TITLE: Organization of Future Training in Bariatric Gastroenterology

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To the Editor:

We have revised this manuscript using the suggestions of the Editor. The changes are shown in Red Colored Font.

There was one Reference (number 3) that had been repeated and so the duplicate reference has now been removed.

Tables 2, 3, and 4 have been redrawn in table format as requested.

Reviewer 1 asks whether the topic can be extended to all the physicians involved in such treatment (e.g. obesity), and also to the organization of a bariatric unit. This Editorial has been focused on Gastroenterologists since the proposed journal for publication is the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*. We believe that the topic: organization of a bariatric unit will require a separate review article.

Reviewer 2 suggests that additional information about bariatric surgery and related complications have to be discussed. We agree with Reviewer 2, however this Editorial is presently 5993 words in length. In this Editorial, we do include references to two review articles in which we have described evaluation of and treatment of complications of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery (Reference 3), as well as evaluation of and treatment of complications in individuals with diabetes mellitus after bariatric surgery (Reference 52). We are presently writing a review article on "Evaluation and Management of Complications of Vertical Sleeve Gastrectomy" to be submitted. This is a large topic and we believe that the topic should be separately considered for publication as a review article.

Thank you for your considering our Editorial for potential publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

Very truly yours,

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