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**Dr. Jing Yu**  
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Dear Dr. Yu,

**“HER2 aberrations and heterogeneity in cancers of the digestive system: implications for pathologists and gastroenterologists” by Fusco and Bosari. Manuscript NO.: 26834 (World Journal of Gastroenterology).**

Thank you for your email from July 18th. We are absolutely delighted that the reviewers have perceived our manuscript positively and provided constructive criticisms that have improved our manuscript. Below please find a point-by-point response to the reviewers' and the editor's comments:

**Reviewer's comments:**

*The review is informative, interesting and adequate. I just have minor comments/suggestions.*

Authors: We are immensely grateful to the reviewer for the positive assessment of our work.

*1. It would be desirable to include a list of abbreviations in the beginning of the manuscript.*

Authors: A list of the abbreviations used in this review has been added to the revised manuscript on page 4.

*2. Reference 32 needs to be completed.*

Authors: We profusely apologize for this incomplete reference. Regrettably, this is a typical example of information lost in formatting from the reference management software to Word. We have now corrected reference 32.

*3. References accounting for the photos in Figure 3 and data in Table 2 should be mentioned in Legends/Table.*

Authors: We assume that the reviewer meant Figure 2, given that in Figure 3 we only show original micrographs. The reviewer is absolutely correct. Reference numbers have now been added both in Figure 2 and Table 2 legends.

**Editor's comments:**

*“Correspondence to:” Only one is needed. Please revise it.*

Authors: Following the Editor's recommendation, only Prof. Bosari is now formally listed as a corresponding author.

*Audio core tip: In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the author make an audio file describing your final core tip, it is necessary for final acceptance.*

Authors: We have now provided the audio core tip (Fusco and Bosari – World J Gastroenterol – Audio Core Tip.mp3) that has been recorded with the contribution of Dr. Francesca Boggio, a brilliant pathology fellow working at our Institution. Accordingly, Dr. Boggio has been acknowledged in the revised manuscript.

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Authors: We have now revised the references thoroughly and put the punctuation behind the reference.

*Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and can be edited. So please put the original picture as word or ppt or excel format so that I can edit them easily. Please modify and check throughout. Thank you!*

Authors: We have now provided the editable file of Figure 1 and Figure 2. Please note that we only have .psd file for Figure 2. Thank you so much!

We hope we have satisfactorily addressed all comments.

All authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript, and have no conflicts of interest to declare. This manuscript has not been submitted to and is not under consideration by any other journal. The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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