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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5428-review.doc).

**Title:** Caecal pH is a biomarker of excessive colonic fermentation

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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 the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) We have included in the manuscript acknowledgements regarding the limitations of our study as suggested by the reviewers specifically regarding diabetes, thyroid disease, smoking and obesity. We also address the issues pertaining to age in the control group and lack of imaging of the small bowel. Changes to the manuscript are highlighted in yellow.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

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

Your sincerely,



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