

Dear Editor,

We thank you very much for the comments and suggestions.

The changes are written in **yellow highlights** in the text.

Kind and warm regards,

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### **Remarks:**

*1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case control study of distribution of TRPV1 channels in the gastrointestinal tract of patients with morbid obesity. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: This manuscript is interesting and relevant for clinical future application. **Regarding to sex tissues is desirable Author's discuss if there exist differences regarding sex.** The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 3 tables and 4 figures; (4) References: A total of 50 references are cited, including only 3 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are no self-cited references; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the [editorialoffice@wjgnet.com](mailto:editorialoffice@wjgnet.com). The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. A language editing certificate issued by AJE was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form, and the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The study was supported by 1 grant. The topic has not previously been published in the WJD. 5 Issues raised: (1) **The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);** (2) **The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;** and (3) **PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout;** (4) **The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article***

***Highlights” section at the end of the main text (and directly before the References); 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.***

**Response:**

1. Abbreviations have been checked and edited in line with the suggestions.
2. There were no differences regarding sex. Therefore, data on gender were not mentioned. However now, in the last paragraph of results section, it was remarked that the similar results. ‘TRPV1 staining of all cells were similar in men and women. In addition, there was no difference in terms of TRPV1 staining of all cells between smokers and non-smokers, proton pump inhibitor users and non-users.’
3. We have provided the approved grant application form and uploaded it.
4. According to your requested new figures (Figures 2,3 and 4) are prepared as power point files. Tables are prepared as docx in addition to manuscript.
5. PMID and DOI numbers were checked and completed.
6. Article highlights have been added to the manuscript as suggested.