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Dear Sir,

I send you the revised manuscript, previously entitled "Gastrointestinal tumors secondary to infectious agents".

This new version harbors several changes suggested by the reviewers. Modifications are as follows:

1. The title has been changed to "Gastrointestinal tumors and infectious agents: a wide field to explore". We are aware that the relation between some of the pathogens summarized in the manuscript and gastrointestinal malignancies is not well established and prospective trials are further warranted to confirm this casual relationship.
2. Literature has been widely re-viewed and references from last years were included in the article. However, recent studies regarding the main scope of the article are scarce. We included a new chapter regarding the role of gut microbiota in the development of gastrointestinal tumorigenesis, which is the main focus of current research. Besides, we did not find any interesting papers published during 2020 and 2021, perhaps due to the pandemic Covid-19.
3. Conclusions have been reframed to give more insightful take-home messages for the readers. They also summarize the unsolved questions which need further investigation.

With all these modifications the paper the paper might be of interest to other researchers or clinicians who are concerned about the role of pathogens in gastrointestinal tumors, and might help to develop new strategies to prevent the onset of the disease.

Finally, all authors would like to strongly thank reviewers for their suggestions, as definitely they contribute to enhance the quality of the article.

Thanks for your interest,

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