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Editor
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Dear Editor,

We thank the Editorial Board and Reviewers for evaluating our editorial and for the insightful comments and suggestions. We agree with all the comments and recommendations. In response, we have revised the editorial to include all the comments and suggestions of the editors and reviewers. We feel that these changes have significantly strengthened and improved our manuscript.

Enclosed is a point-by-point response to the Reviewers' comments and the revised version of our Editorial article in Word format (file name: 42062-Edited -Revised.docx).

Title: To our Readers: Important questions from the Editors/Editorial Board.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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A point-by-point response to Reviewers' comments (WJG editorial ID 42062 by Tarnawski AS): TITLE To our Readers: Important questions from the Editors/Editorial Board

We thank the editors and the reviewers for reviewing our editorial and for their positive evaluations and kind comments. Our responses are below:

Reviewer #00032933's comments:

Comment: 5) New subsection – highlights of notable articles from other GI journals (Gastroenterology, Am. J. Gastroenterology, Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Gut and others) title, authors and 100 words summary of the importance." The above suggestion seems to be unnecessary.

Response: We agree with the reviewer. In response we have removed this subsection 5.

Reviewer #02860895's comments:

Comment: This is a nice proposal to amplify fun of the journal. Please promote publishing it as soon as possible.

Response: We thank the reviewer for positive evaluation and kind comment.

Reviewer #00504187's comments:

Comment: I would reintroduce the cover page with selected illustrations only when really worthwhile.

Response: We agree with the reviewer and in response we have revised the proposed subsection 3 to re-introduce or restore for some issues the cover page on which selected illustration, and/or visual abstracts from current articles will be presented (only when really worthwhile), as well as photos of the key authors of Frontiers and major Editorial articles.

Comment: Concerning new hypothesis, concepts or revisiting old concepts, I would keep them short, more or less a comment, trying to encourage to read the papers where new concepts or hypothesis are coming

Response: We agree with the reviewer. In response we revised the proposed new subsection 4 to include new hypotheses, new concepts and revisiting old concepts in a short, commentary format.

Comment: Suggestions submitted by the readers would be interesting but they should be carefully selected, in order to publish only really potentially helpful suggestions.

Response: We agree with the reviewer. In response we revised the proposed new subsection 6, Suggestions submitted by the Readers – new topics and initiatives after careful selection by the editors for content that could improve the quality of the journal.

Reviewer #00503623's comments:

Comment: I would only suggest one additional new topic area, that is; "Molecular Basis of Gastric Disease".

Response: We agree with the reviewer. In response, we have included the proposed new topic area - Molecular Basis of Gastric/Liver Diseases as an additional area for articles submitted to the journal.