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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3210-wjgp.review; invited manuscript: ID no. 01429020).

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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 (answers are reported as follows):
 - a) It would be better if PCR results can be confirmed by western-blotting; or show some immunostaining of normal tissues to support the conclusion.

We agree with the need of confirming molecular results with another method. However, our study was retrospectively performed on paraffin-embedded samples. Therefore, the only comparative method may be immunohistochemistry. According to the reviewer's suggestions immunohistostaining of normal tissue has been enclosed in revised manuscript.


- b) check the whole text and fix some typos like "Crhon" and lawyer"

The whole text was checked by the Authors and by a native speaker for linguistic revision.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,



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