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Dear Prof. Timothy R Koch:

Thanks for your kind invitation to the fully waive APC for our submission on September 30, and **following email on November 10, 2019**. Please find the attached files containing our **revised** editorial entitled "**Weight loss induced by whole grain-rich diet is through a gut microbiota-independent mechanism,**" which we would like to submit to the *World Journal of Diabetes*.

We fully understand the importance of addressing the issues raised by the reviewers. All the suggestions have been incorporated into our revised manuscript. Changes are **coded in blue**. **Point-by-point responses** are outlined in the following pages.

We appreciate the comments from the reviewers and editors that significantly improved the quality of our manuscript. We deeply hope that our revised manuscript will meet the standard for publication in the *World Journal of Diabetes* and that it can make a valuable and essential contribution to the literature.

Sincerely yours,

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Reviewer 1:

I think the authors have written an excellent editorial comment on an important paper. They address the research findings and build a convincing case based on the literature to explain the findings of the article. My only comment is to suggest that the manuscript be reviewed again by a native English speaker for final corrections.

Response to #1:

Thanks for your kind comments. We have our manuscript proofread by a native English speaker (Please refer to the “Non-Native Speakers of English Editing Certificate” file which we up-loaded).

Reviewer 2:

A table or key points well-chosen would be of help.

Response 2:

Thanks for your warm reminder. We already summarized our main concepts in the manuscript (Please refer to P. 9, line 216-230). We also added a table in the end of the article to re-emphasize our key points (Please refer to P. 17).