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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 24597-Review 1.doc).

Title: Rectal cancer staging: MDCT diagnostic accuracy in assessment of mesorectal fascia invasion

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

- According to the reviewer's suggestions the Reference list was updated, with the most recent article in this research field (see underlines Reference list).
- In the Discussion section of manuscript (see underlines), a paragraph discussing the role of DW sequences were added, according to Reviewer's suggestion, as well as DW images were

provided for some patient's figures of our series.

- Conclusions' statement was partially rewritten in order to meet the comment of abstract text (see underlines, last section of discussion paragraph).
- We are sorry about the mistake occurred in the reference number 20. It was modified and updated.
- Results of MR and diffusion were added in the abstract, as suggested (see underlines in the abstract).
- As suggested by the Reviewer's the acronyms in the text were gradually introduced (see underlines throughout the abstract and introduction section of manuscript).

Finally, we wish to thank the Editor and the Reviewers for their comments that helped us to increase the value of our paper.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ippolito', written in a cursive style.

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