Title: Chronic Diarrhea as the Presenting Feature of Primary Systemic AL Amyloidosis: a case report. Serendipity or delayed diagnosis?

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Cover Letter

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Re: Manuscript revision (Ms. ID 1052497516883382)

Dear Editor of BMC Gastroenterology:

We are grateful for your letter and very constructive comments on our manuscript. We are submitting a revised manuscript that incorporates the suggestions. A point-to-point response to your comments is listed below. We also have a native English doctor help us with further editing. We believe that the manuscript has been greatly improved and hope that the paper could be accepted for publication in your journal as a case report.

We are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Response to editor’s comments and requirements

Comment: “A clear definition of AL Amyloidosis (i.e. secondary to deposition of light-chain immunoglobulins) needs to be provided in the discussion”.

Revision: Page 4, line 37-40. Clear definitions of AL, AA and hereditary amyloidosis are provided in the discussion.

Comment: “On the same track, you need to address in the paper the Reviewer's comment on the use of potassium permanganate to diagnose the disease and add the related reference to justify your choice”.

Revision: Page 4, line 12-16. The diagnostic performance of potassium permanganate treatment before Congo red staining was introduced and related reference was incorporated.
Comment: “Moreover, abbreviations as VGPR (very good partial response) should be either explained or avoided when their meaning is left unclear”.

Revision: Page 4, line 29. The abbreviation VGPR was deleted.

Requirement: “Request for copy editing”

Revision: To improve the English used, we have already asked native English speaking colleagues to edit the manuscript. Besides the revisions aforementioned, other modifications for the language were labeled in the revised manuscript, hoping to improve its rationality and fluency.