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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (complete 1: 2177-review.doc).

Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease: an Archetype Disorder of outer environment sensor systems

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

1 One of the reviewers clearly and repeatedly stated that the manuscript is interesting. He suggested us to overtly mark the logical steps along which the paper's working idea is developed, in order to help readers walk up to the comprehension of the final core thesis. We did so, and found that the paper gained in clarity and strength. Specific points: 1) The sentence's sense is now clearer (**page 4**); 2) The IκB inhibitor has now been overtly cited (**page 4**); 3) The ATG gene product has been specified (**page 5**); 4) It has been specified that IL-13 signals via STAT6 (**page 5**); 5) the references on psoriasis were added (**page 8**); 6) A discussion on the role of cigarette smoking in the genesis of COPD has been added and properly referenced (from bottom of **page 8**); 7) the failure to demonstrate NOD2 mutations in Far East populations has been commented on and referenced (from bottom of **page 9**). Overall, nine new references were added to answer this referee's points.

2 The second reviewer commends the paper and does not raise negative points

NOTE: We believe that location of changes may be subject to variation in page numbering and pagination during transmission. To ease their tracing, changes in text were italicized and the first line highlighted in red.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for considering this paper for publication in WJGPT

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