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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3047-review.doc).

**Title:** Microscopic colitis- is it a spectrum of inflammatory bowel disease

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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

(1) The genetic background common to both IBD and MC is mentioned to underline the fact that the two conditions could represent both ends of the spectrum of the same disorder.

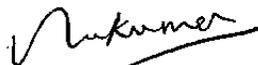
(2) Anti-inflammatory medication at the time of MC diagnosis, reaction to the treatment for MC as well as the presence of macroscopic abnormalities during endoscopy at the time of MC diagnosis is added to table 1.

(3) Absence of any temporal relationship between NSAID intake and onset of watery diarrhea in cases 2 and 4 is mentioned in the manuscript.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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

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