

Dear Editor

All suggested changes here are highlighted in yellow in the text.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit to the WJGT.

● **Reviewer A:**

**This study conducted a systematic review of nutritional status (obesity, and malnutrition) and hospitalization of IBD patients. Although most of studies examined obesity, authors included both malnutrition and obesity as main exposures, which have different features. Each study should be described in more detail.**

**1) Regarding exclusion of studies, please explain in detail why two were not included. "Do not aim at the purpose" is not clear.**

R: We excluded this phrase, considering that the objective was to evaluate obesity and malnutrition and this is described in methods (page 5)

**2) Retrospective only does not tell use its study desing. Were it retrospective cohort studies? Please clearly specify whether they were cohort, case-control or cross-sectional studies.**

R: All are cohort studies. Information added (page 5)

**3) Definition of malnutrition should be clearly described. How did authors define malnutrition? Were anemia and albumin measures main indicator of malnutrition that authors considered? Mixture of obesity, anemia, malnutrition, and albumin measure may be confusing to understand hospitalization of IBD patients in general.**

R: We accept the definition of malnutrition that each author used in the studies and thus indicate it in the manuscript (page 5). And we agree that literature is confusing as to the definition of malnutrition and we have brought this point into the discussion (pages 6 and 7). We also excluded anemia, because in fact we do not use this item

● **Reviewer B:**

**1) Well written. Covers updated information.**

● **Reviewer C:**

**This systematic review considers the role of nutritional status upon hospitalisation in adults with IBD SPECIFIC Comments**

**1) The second paragraph of the INTRODUCTION is unclear. Do the authors mean "lack of" the items listed?**

R: The paragraph has been revised (page 4).

**2) In the third paragraph of the INTRODUCTION, what is meant by "probe"?**

R: The words oral and probe were excluded because they do not modify the meaning of the phrase (page 4).

**3) In regards the methods, one can not have CD and UC as concurrent diagnoses**

R: The word “and” was excluded from the phrase with diagnosis of CD and / or UC (page 4).

**4) The reason for exclusion of the final two articles was not clear. Vitamin D status was not mentioned as a key inclusion factor**

R: We excluded this phrase, considering that the objective was to evaluate obesity and malnutrition and this is described in methods (page 5).

**5. With regards to the RESULTS section, it was heard to get a good grasp of which study was which and how they were interpreted. Please consider revision to make this section more clear**

R: Results item has been reviewed.

**6. On page 7 (DISCUSSION) the authors refer to serum levels of IBD. please correct**

R: It was corrected.

**7. The title for Table 1 should define that these are the five included studies.**

R: It was included.

**8. There are a number of errors of English language (word usage, grammar) that all need correction.**

R: We await the finalization of the review to submit to the AJE.