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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you and the reviewers for a thorough review of our manuscript entitled **“Cytopheresis for Pyoderma Gangrenosum Associated with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Review of Current Status”** (NO: 54590) by Kentaro Tominaga and myself for publication as a case report in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. The provided ID for this invited mini-review is 00188507.

The positive comments and suggestions from the reviewers are greatly appreciated. In preparing for revision, we have carefully studied reviewers' comments and incorporated many of their suggestions into the revised manuscript. For your convenience, we have highlighted the changes made in blue. We hope this revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

We declare that this work is original, the manuscript is not under consideration by other journals, and the material has not been previously published. All authors contributed significantly on this study and approved the contents submitted. There are no conflicts of interest to declare. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Editor and Reviewers,

Thank you for a thorough review of our work and your thoughtful comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. In preparing the revision, we have carefully studied your comments and incorporated your suggestions into the revised manuscript. The following are our point-to-point responses to your comments/concerns. For your convenience, we have typed the changes in the manuscript in blue.

Reviewer #1

This is a well-written, interesting review summarizing current knowledge about the treatment of pyoderma gangrenosum with the help of cytapheresis. The article presents the benefits and side effects of this treatment, as well as potential mechanisms of action. This information is useful for clinicians taking care of IBD patients facing the problem of pyoderma gangrenosum refractory to conventional treatment. I would suggest analysing the publication of Nomura et al. "Efficacy of cytapheresis for remission induction and dermatological manifestations of ulcerative colitis" (J Clin Apher 2018).

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work. We have added the description in Discussion analyzing the data from the publication of Nomura, et al. in J Clin Apher in 2018 (page 13, line 10 from the bottom and new ref. #48).

Reviewer #2

First - this manuscript is based on information from a literature review from the last 20 years, Second - the described 23 cases of cytapheresis (18 cases of GCAP/GMA and 5 cases of LCAP), Third - this study is useful in clinical practice.

Response: We are grateful to this reviewer for the positive comments and for recognizing the significance of our work.

Thank you again for your time and effort in reviewing our paper.

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