

Lian-Sheng Ma,  
Company Editor-in-Chief,  
Editorial Office  
Baishideng Publishing Group Inc

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Dear Lian-Sheng Ma,

**Re: Name of journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology Manuscript NO.: 55684 Column: Opinion Review Title: Functional gastrointestinal disorders in inflammatory bowel disease: time for a paradigm shift? Authors: Dipesh H Vasant and Alexander C Ford**

Thank you for the decision letter in respect of the above manuscript. As requested, please find below a response to the reviewers and editorial team. We have now addressed the points which required revision and trust that the manuscript in its current form is suitable for publication.

Yours Sincerely,



Dipesh H Vasant

Consultant Gastroenterologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer

**Response to reviewers:**

We are grateful to both reviewers for their constructive comments and positive feedback regarding our manuscript. We note that neither reviewer has recommended any changes.

**Response to editorial office comments:**

**Science editor:** Many thanks to the science editor for their thorough review of our submission. We note that no changes were recommended.

**Editorial Office Director:** Many thanks for your detailed review of our manuscript.

- We have added a table (Table 1) in the revised manuscript, as recommended.
- The conflict of interest form has been completed and uploaded as required.
- PMID numbers and DOI citation numbers have been added to all references where applicable. Please note 3 references (32, 41, 63) only have DOI citation numbers, and do not have PMID numbers.
- We have also added the author contributions statement on the title page.

**Company Editor-in-Chief:** Many thanks for considering our manuscript carefully and conditionally accepting it for publication. We have now addressed all the points raised by the reviewers and

editorial office, and have made all the relevant changes including addition of a table, as recommended.