

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5897-review.doc).

**Title:** The intestinal barrier in 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.

All changes in the text and additional references have been highlighted.

(1) The section about the mucus layer was shortened according to the reviewer's suggestions.

(2) The importance of the intestinal homeostasis in health and disease was emphasized.

(3) We now also discussed apoptosis and increased permeability in IBD as one factor in the pathogenesis more detailed.

(4) Thank you for the kind offer to edit our figures from power point. We submit both figures as PPT-files.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eduard F. Stange'.

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