

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5913-review.doc).

Title: *Campylobacter concisus* and inflammatory bowel disease

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Reviewer 1:

- 1) *The comment from reviewer 1 stated: "Perhaps the authors may be willing to stress that the mechanism of increased gut permeability fits best ulcerative colitis, whilst Crohns disease is best thought to be an immune deficiency disease".*

Increased intestinal permeability occurs in both CD and UC. This statement has been included in the revised manuscript. Please see page 12, line 268.

- 2) *The comment from reviewer 1 stated: "The text could probably be shortened and rendered more efficacious by further English editig The text could probably be shortened and rendered more efficacious by further English editig"*

The revised version of the review paper has been further edited by native English speakers.

- 3). In the revised version of the manuscript, we have included two new sections:

- a. The *C. concisus* zot gene is a component of a chromosomally integrated putative prophage
- b. Identification of motifs shared by *C. concisus* Zot and zonulin/Zot receptor binding domains

Please see pages 10 and 11.

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

Sincerely yours,



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