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Dear editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5918-review.doc). We have also signed a guarantee about the English level of the manuscript.

Title: Inflammatory bowel disease and celiac disease: overlaps and differences

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We have read carefully the reviewer's comments and modified the text accordingly. All the changes performed are detailed in the point by point reply.

Point by point reply

Reviewer 00227582

We try to summarize the current knowledge about IBD and CeD underlining the common and different features between both diseases. Although new insights have been obtained last years, the knowledge remains limited. Therefore, we consider necessary to use words such as 'seem' and 'may', although we have tried to eliminate some of them.

Some text has been added to better explain the figure and the table of the manuscript.

We provide an overview of each disease because we try to focus on the shared characteristics between both diseases.

An extensive overlap in the genetic contribution to immune-mediated diseases has been observed. Based on this, common pathogenic mechanisms and possible common treatments have been postulated. In this review, we tried to show the overlaps related to other disease characteristics besides genetics. We selected IBD and CeD because they share genetic susceptibility factors and also the organ affected. We agree with the reviewer in the lack of conclusions in the previous version of our manuscript, but we

have added some conclusions in the new version. We have also tried to clarify why those two maladies and not others were compared. Finally, we consider that it is not possible to provide some statistics because they would be based on incomplete data, since the knowledge related to those two diseases is still limited.

Reviewer 00504545

We thank this reviewer for the kind comments.

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

Yours sincerely,

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