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Dear Editor

We are most grateful to you and to the Reviewers for the time devoted to our report, for the helpful criticism and valuable suggestions and for giving us the privilege to improve and re-submit the revised version of the manuscript which you can find enclosed in Word format (file name: WJG-13-6482-review.doc).

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Revised version

**Title: Glucose intolerance and diabetes mellitus in ulcerative colitis.
Pathogenetic and therapeutic implications**

Authors:

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

We would like to express our gratitude to you for kind and invaluable suggestions. The following are our point-to-point response to your comments, which have also been incorporated into the revised manuscript, and marked in blue.

Reply to the Editor

- The format has been updated
- Language evaluation of the manuscript has been graded A (excellent) by 2 referees and B (very good) by 1 referee. However, English language has been revised again by a native English medical writer. Anyway, let me know if a professional English language editing, by one of the companies mentioned in 'The Revision Policies of BPG for TOPIC HIGHLIGHT', is needed as well.
- References and typesetting have been corrected

Reply to Reviewer #1 (02495872)

Diabetes mellitus is one of the most frequent co-morbidities of ulcerative colitis patients. The epidemiological association of these diseases suggested a genetic sharing and has challenged gene identification. The review is up-to-date and is focused on an important clinical problem. Otherwise very solid paper suffers from one single problem - offers only the description of published studies, but offers no conclusion.

A) Thank you very much for your comments.

The conclusion and 3 tables summarising relevant practical issues of the review have been added.

Reply to Reviewer #2 (02495872)

This article reviewed the co-morbidity (complications) and treatments of ulcerative colitis (UC). What do the authors recommend or conclude?

A) Thank you for your kind suggestions.

The conclusion and 3 tables with practical recommendations have been added.

Reply to Reviewer #3 (02445814)

Congratulation to the well written review. Can some of the findings be put in Tables?

A) Thank you very much for your comment and your suggestion. Three tables with practical recommendations have been added.

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

Yours sincerely
Giovanni Maconi