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Reviewer:
In this study, the authors provided evidence that administration of Chromofungin (CHR: chromogranin-A 47–66) negatively regulates the development of DSS-induced colitis. In addition, expression of CD11c and CD80/86 expression is negatively correlated to that of CHR in patients with UC. Most of data shown in this data are convincing. Please address the following points.

1) Please examine the expression of CD11c, CD80, and CD86 at the protein levels, i.e. FACS or immunohistcochemistry, in DSS colitis.
This was our initial plan before COVID-19. As many sanitary’ restrictions have been in effect, we were and are still not able to generate a new set of data. In addition, all our current samples have been used.

2) Please examine the expression of TNF-alpha in DSS colitis.
The expression in preclinical and clinical setting of TNF-a was previously published. See PMID: 28827109. We demonstrated a positive correlation with mRNA NFkBP56 and a negative correlation with mRNA level of CHGA Exxon-IV (Chromofungin). A statement has been added to the discussion referring to the original article

3) Please discuss how CHR negatively regulates NF-kappaB activation.
The discussion has been modified by adding an extended description of the potential pathways implicating CHR and NFKB

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Sincerely
Jean-Eric Ghia