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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Alcoholism: a systemic pro inflammatory condition

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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 reviewers

(1) Thank you very much for your comments. As you see, profound changes has been introduced in the manuscript, mainly following indications of reviewer 2. However, we have included the statement you suggested, i.e, that translocation affects both Gram + and Gram- bacteria . We have also corrected the spelling errors. Regarding adiponectin and TNF-alpha, there is some controversy about their roles in septic alcoholics. In the reference you indicated, it is clear that adiponectin decreases after cecal injury, but some studies suggest that adiponectin raises in chronic alcoholics (J Gastroenterol Hepatol, 2009; 558-563), and lower TNF values have been reported in septic alcoholic patients.

(2) Thank you very much for your accurate comments. You are indeed right that the initial purpose was too wide, and repeatedly and excellently reviewed in recent times, especially those mechanisms concerning liver alterations. Therefore we have profoundly reformed the manuscript, focusing on the analysis of the effects of ethanol on peripheral organs, other than the liver. We have deleted all the general broad overviews. We have also deleted many references, added those you suggested, and also commented in more detail some new results, which may serve to raise new questions about pathophysiology of ethanol-induced damage.

(3) Thank you very much for your comments. Manuscript was profoundly reformed, and main text was significantly shortened (> 35%)

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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