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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much to evaluate our manuscript entitled "Saccharomyces cerevisiae prevents postoperative recurrence of Crohn's disease modeled by ileocaecal resection in HLA-B27 transgenic rats" by Valibouze C. et al. which we would like to submit for publication as a Basic Study in World Journal of Gastroenterology.

As you know, with the input of reviewers and your assistance, we have published in 2017 in the Word Journal of Gastroenterology a meta-analysis concerning the use of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CNCM I-3856 in patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome and more recently in the June issue of your journal a randomized controlled trial entitled "*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* I-3856 in irritable bowel syndrome with predominant constipation" (World J Gastroenterol 2022; 28: 2509-22).

The present study extends the potential roles of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CNCM I-3856 in the prevention of post-operative recurrence of Crohn's disease modeled by ileocaecal resection in susceptible transgenic rats. Statistical analysis was controlled by Dr Mickael Genin in the Biostatistics and data management Unit of Lille University.

We think that this experimental study is in perspective with our previous studies published in your Journal and represents a conceptual advance relevant for the scientific and medical communities. We hope that it will be suitable for publication in the Word Journal of Gastroenterology.

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