

**Point by point explanation to reviewer's comments:**

First of all, the authors want to thank the reviewer comments about the manuscript.

As stated by the reviewer's comments, no answer to any comments is needed.

02520845 Reviewer comments:

This review demonstrates an update in the risk and handling of SARS-CoV-2 infection in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) focusing on the RAGE axis activation and cross-talk with the renin-angiotensin system. The authors systematically listed and described at first the RAGE axis and its activation in IBD, further they described the renin-angiotensin system and RAS imbalance and finally the RAGE axis activation and RAS imbalance in IBD patients with SARS-CoV-2. The review is readable and presentable. The text is accompanied by the appropriate figure which illustrates the proposed prone mechanism activated in IBD patients with COVID-19. In the reference list, recent researches are listed concerning this topic.

In conclusion, this is a very interesting review which provides insight into the inflammatory response SARS-CoV-2 infection in IBD patients including the RAGE axis activation and cross-talk with the renin-angiotensin system. These findings could help in understanding the mechanism of adverse outcomes SARS-CoV-2 infection in IBD patients.