

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10141-review.doc).

Title: Immunopathogenesis of reactive arthritis: role of the cytokines.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

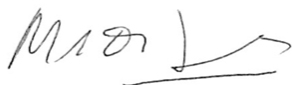
1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
 1. *This is a review paper and should be so stated early in the report or perhaps in the title: “Columns: Review” was added in the first page according with the writing requirements of review of the journal.*
 2. *The review centers on a number of cytokines (or cell / cytokine cascades) observed in humans in ReA and animal models. The description of human ReA is poorly written and would be hard for some to follow: Description of human ReA was improved in Clinical features, page 6, paragraph 2, lines 8-9, and the new reference 10 was included.*
 3. *Further ReA is characterized often by its remitting nature complicating demonstration that therapies are effective. Its relationship to other spondyloarthropathies should be described in some detail. The relationship of ReA with other spondyloarthropathies was described with more detail in INTRODUCTION section, page 5, paragraph 1, lines 2-6; and in CLINICAL FEATURES section, page 6, paragraph 2, lines 8-9.*
 4. *The animal models are not described in enough clinical detail. The paper would be improved if the human and animal forms were clearly described and how if at all the animal models are similar to or different from the human form of the disease. A table comparing human and animal forms would be useful. A description of animal models was included in page 7. A table (Table 1) of animal models of ReA including clinical symptoms and comparing human and animal forms was added.*
 5. *The description of detected cytokines in human disease and animal models are often presented together making it difficult for the reader to follow. For each cytokine the data in human disease and animal models were separated presenting data in human disease at first and data in animal models in a different paragraph at the end*
 6. *Terms such as T helper(TH)1, TH2, TH3 and TH17 should be defined. These terms were defined and explained in page 8, last paragraph, lines 2-4.*

7. *Bottom of page 6-7 the paragraph is difficult to follow and RNA, DNA and antigen are used. Is the antigen a cell wall product? In addition, wouldn't it be a specific antibody to a specific antigen? In this new version in page 8, this first paragraph was re-written.*
8. *It might be helpful for clarity to discuss the therapeutic use of cytokine inhibitors in a separate section. In pages 16-17 a separate section "TREATMENT BASED ON BIOLOGICAL AGENTS" was include to discuss the therapeutic use of cytokine inhibitors.*

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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