

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13810-edited manuscript.doc).

Title: Integrin antagonists are effective and safe for Crohn disease treatment: a meta-analysis

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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) Comment:

Nevertheless, it's not clear, in the methods and discussion section, if these clinical trials are directed to treat only anti-TNF refractory patients. To be exact, the analysis must be clarifying the inclusion criteria of the analyzed clinical trials (five papers) in order to get good conclusion.

Our reply:

The inclusion criteria for patients who received previous treatment in these trials were different. There is a limitation in our study that we are unable to subgroup patients by their previous drug treatment due to the limited trials. This limitation has been added in the discussion section of the revised manuscript.

(2) Comment:

Author recognized that the treatment strategies were different in each study, and these weaknesses must be remarked in the conclusion and, of course, in the abstract.

Our reply:

The weakness has been added in the conclusion and abstract of the revised manuscript.

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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