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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 17235-Review.docx).

Title: TP53 codon 72 Arg/Arg polymorphism is associated with a higher risk for inflammatory bowel disease development

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We appreciate the comments of the reviewer to make the manuscript better.
The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

Title:

Reflect the major content of the article and it is better to mention inflammatory bowel disease without abbreviation

1. We thank the reviewer for his suggestion.
Inflammatory bowel disease is now mentioned without abbreviation.

Abstract:

It gives a clear delineation of the research background, including important data and conclusions; however, introduction is too long and is better to be specific and concise.

No references have to be mentioned within this section.

PSC (primary sclerosing cholangitis) has to be fully written when mentioned for the first time.

Also, the healthy blood donors control group is missed in the material and methods within this section.

We are thankful for the reviewer for bringing these suggestions up:

1. Introduction is shortened and abstract is rewritten to be specific and concise
2. References are removed from the abstract
3. PSC is defined in the abstract now
4. Healthy controls are mentioned now

Introduction:

Provides sufficient background regarding the studied topic, however, it is too long and is better to be summarized. The purpose of the study is not clearly defined at the end of this section, the conclusion is written instead and this has to be revised and corrected.

The introduction has been better modified based on the reviewer's attention to it:

1. The introduction is now summarized
2. The purpose of the study is now defined at the end the introduction
3. The conclusion is removed from the end of the introduction.

Materials and methods:

Partially full description is provided for this section and statistical methods are appropriate. Some important issues have to be considered.

- o Diagnosis of patients with IBD is not clear, and not referenced.
- o Inclusion and exclusion criteria were not clearly identified.
- o Sample processing till its analysis is missing.

We thank the reviewer for highlighting these suggestions and changes were done accordingly as described below:

1. Subheadings for the methods are inserted
2. Countries of origin for the used kits are mentioned
3. Reference for primers is given in the text, the primer sequences are written in capital letters
4. Gel electrophoresis for detection the actual size of the amplicon is mentioned in the text and a representative figure is included
5. More details regarding the step of sequencing is provided

5. RESULTS & Discussion:

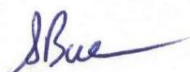
- Provide sufficient experimental data, however, repeating has to be avoided in the first paragraph.

The discussion has been modified according to the reviewer's comment in the following manner:

1. Repetition has been avoided and removed from the first paragraph.

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

Sincerely yours,
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