

## **Reviewers' comments and response**

### **Reviewer 1:**

**Comments:** Please include in the manuscript a discussion on the more current evidence/s on gene-environment interaction in IBD. You may like to include more (current) references on the influence of migration to the onset and course of IBD.

**Response:** We have added discussion on the current evidence on gene environment interaction. We have also added three more references on the influence of migration on IBD.

### **Reviewer 2:**

**Comments:** I think this review is an excellent piece of work, that with some minor language corrections should be considered for publication. I enjoyed reading it.

**Response:** We thank the reviewer for the positive remark. We have made some language corrections as suggested.

## **Response to Editor**

1. Changes made to the manuscript have been highlighted.
2. Signed Copyright assignment form is attached.
3. Signed conflict of interest form is attached.
4. Audio core tip has been added.
5. References have been cited in the text in the format suggested.
6. PMID and DOI have been added to the references wherever available.
7. Language – Both the authors have published numerous articles in English in indexed journals and have had no issues with English. The first author has also taken an

internationally accepted examination for proficiency in English called IELTS( International English Language Testing System) and scored 8.5 out of 9 which denotes a very good user of English. I have attached a certificate for this. We are working in a mission hospital in south India which does charitable work and the fees required for English language certification is very expensive for us.