

## **Response to reviewers**

Comment 1: Please change typo error in page 4/17 "One meta-analysis of 13 studies concluded that FCP testing would result inn a 67% ". in instead of inn and in page of 2/17 "As of yet, there is no one biomarker, which is sensitive or specific enough to make a confidant diagnosis of IBD on its result alone. " confident instead of confidant. - please see tracked changes, amendments made

Comment 2: The premise that biomarkers may replace endoscopy and histopathology is incorrect. Biomarkers could at best be supportive for making the diagnosis and also used for follow up of IBD. Fecal calprotectin for example is also positive in intestinal tuberculosis, so how would it help establish the diagnosis of Crohn;s disease vs Intestinal tuberculosis. - paragraph inserted into conclusion, please see tracked changes