

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS AND EDITOR

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3650-edited.doc).

Title: Why damage is limited to the mucosa in ulcerative colitis while transmural in Crohn's disease?

Author: Xiaofa Qin

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pathophysiology*

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

1 Format has been updated

2. An abstract has been added.

3 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) According to the suggestion by reviewer # 00723382, the word "glanulomatous" in the last sentence of the manuscript has been corrected to "granulomatous".

(2) According to the suggestion by reviewer # 02462343, the sentence "Eventually, the macrophages will realize that they just cannot get rid of the intruder and call in more macrophages and lymphocytes to quarantine them and thus the formation of granulomas" was changed to "The persistent existence of these foreign bodies will result in the recruitment of more macrophages and other immune cells, eventually leading to the initiation of the quarantine process and formation of granulomas". Also according to the recommendation, more references have been added to the manuscript.

4 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xiaofa Qin'.

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