

Comparison of cytokine and phosphoprotein profiles in idiopathic and Crohn's disease-related perianal fistula

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Reply to reviewer 04025483

Many thanks for your comments. We considered several methods of correction for multiple comparisons with our statistician and it was concluded that considering the nature of the data, sample size, etc., using $P < 0.01$ rather than applying more complex methods was appropriate.

Figure 4G has been labelled and the legend improved to indicate the negative and positive control spots as suggested.

We have toned down the conclusion as suggested and moved the proceeding statements into another subheading "Implications for Future Research" to help distinguish this commentary from conclusions derived directly from our work.

Reply to reviewer 04429838

Many thanks for your comments. The manuscript has been double-checked for grammatical and typing mistakes. A paragraph on treatments has been added to the introduction as suggested. The abstract aim has been revised as suggested.

References for cytokine and phosphoprotein quantification have been added as suggested. Abbreviations in the tables and figures have been explained in the legends. Updated references have been inserted where available.

Reply to the editor

Many thanks for your review. With regards to your request for a language certificate, I'd be grateful if you could reconsider. Both peer reviewers classified the manuscript's language quality as A. Furthermore all authors are UK nationals whose native language is English.

With regards to the audio core tip, I could not find any guidelines on your website as mentioned. Therefore I just read out the Core Tip text in an audio file which is included. Please let me know if this doesn't suffice.

Regarding figure 1, unfortunately the heat map can only be produced on a green-red colour scale.

The manuscript is now presented with all the required sections/subheadings and formatting as per your notes and the guidelines obtained from the website.