

Dear Editor,

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Thank you for your time to revise our Manuscript NO: 53605, entitled IL-6 compared to the other Th17/Treg related cytokines in IBD and CRC. We take into account all the comments and suggestions.

Reviewer 1.

No further comments.

- Thank you for your time and overall positive evaluation of the manuscript.

Reviewer 2. This is well written and interesting manuscript on cytokines in IBD and CRC.

1. IBD is one of the predisposing condition for inflammation related CRC. Among the IBD patients investigated, any dysplastic or accompanying lesions suggestive of tumorigenic endoscopical picture?
  - Thank you for the valuable note. We support the referee's assertion that IBD-associated inflammation is a predisposing condition for CRC. However, in our study, we do not detect any dysplastic or lesions suggestive of tumor tissues. We add this to the exclusion criteria in the Material and methods section.
2. Serum data must accompany the data in normal healthy subjects (their own or literature)
  - The referee is right to point out that there is a need for data on normal healthy individuals, even though in our study, we do not compare healthy subjects with IBD and CRC patients. As we have data on these cytokines levels in healthy subjects, we added a paragraph in the Results section and cited it properly.

Furthermore, the following changes were made:

- The English style and language were polished further.
- Some of the references` positions were changed due to the insertion of data on cytokines levels in healthy individuals, as the second reviewer suggested.