

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5899-review.doc).

Title: Interleukin- and interleukin receptor gene polymorphisms in inflammatory bowel diseases susceptibility

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

1 Format has been updated: Author contributions have been detailed and Figures have been changed. Explanation and the first row of Table 1 require smaller character sizes (8-9pt). IL1RA has been replaced with IL1RN in Table 1.

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

(1) Answers to the Reviewer 00058403:

The paper "Interleukin- and interleukin receptor gene polymorphisms in inflammatory bowel diseases susceptibility" is a very good review article. I just felt the absence of methodological description of the review process.

Manuscript was completed with methodological description of the review process:

"We conducted a systematic review of the literature of the last 10 years on interleukin susceptibility genes to IBD. PubMed was searched for papers and abstracts published in English-language journals. We used the following medical subject heading terms and/or text words: "inflammatory bowel disease", "ulcerative colitis", "Crohn's disease" and "cytokines". The search was focused on interleukin susceptibility genes polymorphism resulting in IBD. No restrictions were placed on race, ethnicity, or geographic area. Extraction from each study was conducted independently by all authors, and consensus was achieved for all data."

(2) Answers to the Reviewer 00410327:

The manuscript is quite well written. It represents a comprehensive review of the field. It would be useful for the readers to include the discussion of PMID: 15242679.

We appreciate the reviewer's comment, but in our review we discuss the different interleukin- and interleukin receptor gene polymorphisms in IBD susceptibility, so we think the topic of the recommended article (D'Elis MM, Appelmelk BJ, Amedei A, Bergman MP, Del Prete G.: Gastric autoimmunity: the role of Helicobacter pylori and molecular mimicry. Trends Mol Med. 2004 Jul;10(7):316-23. PMID:15242679) does not fit in the topic of our review.

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

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