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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name APC review Mann et al.).

Title: Intestinal antigen-presenting cells in mucosal immune homeostasis: crosstalk between dendritic cells, macrophages and B-cells.

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Two reviewers graded the manuscript Excellent or Very Good with no further changes and recommended the manuscript was accepted for priority publishing (reviewers 01844002 and 00039143). However a third reviewer (00504169) commented dendritic cells subsets were not clearly defined as in the recent article in Nature Immunology (Watchmaker et al., 2014 15(1); 98-109). This article only became available online after submission of this review for consideration. However, the manuscript has now been revised according to this reviewer's suggestion and the roles of these dendritic cell subsets have been dissected further as suggested. This reviewer also suggested that different inflammasomes should be reported and discussed; we feel that discussing inflammasomes in this review on antigen-presenting cell (comprising dendritic cells, B-cells and macrophages) crosstalk would distract from the focus of the review and should be a separate topic in an independent review, or Topic Highlight. We therefore have not included inflammasomes in this review.

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

Sincerely yours,

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