

## Response to reviewers

This is a nice and comprehensive review that covers currently available and potential agents for IBD. I only have two minor suggestions.

1. I suggest authors add a brief introduction of the pathogenesis of IBD. This would help readers understand the targets of following agents better.

A brief explanation of pathogenesis of IBD was added in the introduction section.

2. The description of research methods was too simple. Information such as literature databases, searching terms, extract searching data should be supplemented.

The research methods was explain in detail incorporating information about databases, searching terms and extract searching data.