

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript in Word format (file name: 8038-brief article.doc).

Title: Serum adipokines in inflammatory bowel disease

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

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Reviewer n° 1

1. *P* values of correlations between six adipokines and clinical severity of IBD, time from initial diagnosis, age, waist and hip circumferences and BMI have been presented in newly attached Table 3.
2. Statistical methods were described in detail and the added fragments of the text in the section "Statistical analysis" are red marked.
3. All participants have provided written informed consent before enrollment to the study.
4. All patients had check-up visits once a month, when all reported complaints and physical examination abnormalities were recorded. The number of consumed tablets was calculated by subtracting the number of remaining tablets from the total packet number.
5. The patients who required surgical treatment or underwent resection bowel procedures were excluded from the study.

All information given in the points 3-5 were introduced to the part "METHODS" and red marked.

Reviewer n° 2

There was no remarks requiring revisions.

Reviewer n° 3

1. The aim of our study was to investigate serum adipokine levels in IBD patients in the pretreatment period and after achieving clinical remission. The knowledge on this issue is relatively poor. By contrast, there are many studies analyzing relationships between IBD and interleukins. We agree that additional knowledge on broad spectrum of interleukins could expand understanding of regulation of adipokines production. We will take into account your suggestion in our future research program.
2. Involuntary listing of the same article twice in the literature was corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Waluga', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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