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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5943-edited_IM.doc).

Title: Role of the gut microbiota in IBD pathogenesis – what have we learnt in the past 10 years?

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

1 Format has been updated

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

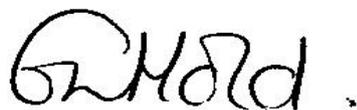
(1) We have now made the description of all the bacteria in a uniform fashion. The changes are highlighted in track change

(2) Core tip section has been added to the text

3 We have attempted to include the Pubmed citation number and DOI numbers using two software programmes (Endnote and Refworks) but due to the large number of references this was not possible. All references have been indexed by Pubmed. We would be grateful for your kind consideration in this regard. We are happy to forward to you our reference library in Endnote if that will help.

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

Yours sincerely,



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