

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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**Title: Thalidomide and thalidomide analogues in treatment of patients with inflammatory bowel disease: Meta-analysis**

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The authors submitted a meta-analysis article entitled “Thalidomide and thalidomide analogues in treatment of patients with inflammatory Bowel Disease”. As a pediatric gastroenterologist for more than 35 years, I agree that maintaining remission for IBD remains a challenge. In our past limited experience, we also doubted the effect of thalidomide in treatment for IBD. This article, after making the meta-analysis, concluded that no enough evidence to support use of thalidomide or its analogue for the treatment in patients of any age with IBD. Although there are still several limitations within this study as the authors mentioned in the discussion, the study design, methodology and statistical analysis were all under the principle of preciseness. This article may be beneficial to the clinicians.

**Response to Reviewer Comments**

We have already revised the papers and submitted that before. Please check our revised paper and if there is anything else you want us to change please let us know.