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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: n°19121-Review.doc).

Title: Genetics of inflammatory bowel disease from multifactorial to monogenic forms

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

Reviewer 00013033

Comment: Title is misleading, authors should consider an alternative subtitle.

Response: We change the title as suggested by the reviewer. The alternative subtitle is : “VEO-IBD is it multifactorial or monogenic disease?”

Comment: Introduction and “conventional” IBD genetic parts need revision and authors should explain why they concentrate on VEO-IBD and what they would like to highlight. At the moment, these part read as separate paragraphs, the link and the story behind it should be better explained.

Response: We concentrated on VEO-IBD since this is the field in which a greater benefit from genetic is expectable. Indeed, although monogenic causes of IBD are very rare, their frequency is tough to be higher in cases with VEO. Furthermore, whilst genetic knowledge has little practical impact on adult IBD, the identification of monogenic IBD can dramatically change the therapeutic options in VEO-IBD. In addition, monogenic IBD, mainly found among VEO-IBD, can represent simplified models to study the pathogenesis of intestinal inflammation.

Comment: It is now more than 163 loci shown to be associated with IBD, authors have to revise this (they can contact the international IBD genetic consortium, if needed).

Response: We add the correct number of IBD loci associated with the respective reference (number 7)

Comment: Moreover it is questionable if it is still IBD if a monogenic disease is diagnosed, or symptoms only resemble IBD? This part of the discussion is completely missing from the manuscript.

Response: We add this part in the discussion of the manuscript

Comment: In the conclusion part authors should give clear practical guidance and highlight that VEO- inflammatory bowel disease “like” symptoms warrant genetic investigations and through this the etiology can be defined in a proportion of the cases.

Response: We gave the guidance in the conclusion.

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Comment: Please check all genes' names and change them to [italic](#)

Response: We check all genes in the manuscript and corrected in the italic form.

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Response: All the reference number were controlled and formatted as request.

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Response: The reference number is correct

Comment: Please simplify your table, maybe you can make several tables and note them clearly respectively. Thanks for your consideration.

Response: the table summarized all the genes mentioned in the manuscript so we cannot subdivide it. But we modified the following things:

- we deleted the OMIM number referred to the gene and kept the OMIM number referred to the disease.
- we simplified the clinical features

- we inserted the reference number instead of the PMID number

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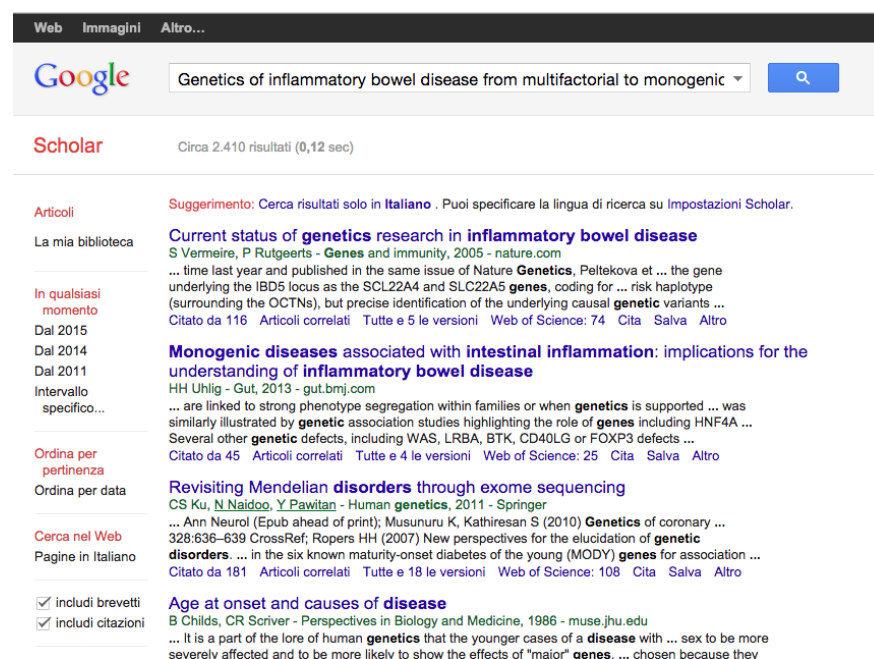
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