

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to state that the manuscript (manuscript type: original article, basic study) submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology with the title "**Melanocortin 3,5 Receptors Immunohistochemical Expression in Colonic Mucosa of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients: A Matter of Disease Activity?**" and authors " Antonietta Gerarda Gravina, Iacopo Panarese, Maria Consiglia Trotta, Michele D'Amico, Raffaele Pellegrino, Franca Ferraraccio, Marilena Galdiero, Roberto Alfano, Paolo Grieco, and Alessandro Federico" was reviewed by Dr Raffaele Pellegrino, MD, with previous experience in handling biostatistical data. Dr Pellegrino has served multiple times as a biostatistical data analyst in several studies already published in journals with peer-review system and impact factor indexed in major databases (e.g., *Scopus*, Web of Science, EMBASE, etc.).

Kind regards,

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