

## To the REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript

**Title:** The influence of the psychiatric comorbidity to the treatment outcome in patients with the inflammatory bowel disease.

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

To both reviewers: We had a large benefit of you review. Hopefully, we have improved our manuscript.

According to the suggestions of the reviewer I:

We have added some discussion about high perceived stress and increased risk flare by exploring neuroendocrine mechanisms of stress (p. six).

To the reviewer #2:

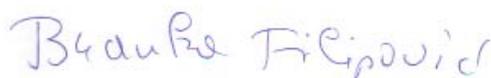
1. Authors wanted to clarify the necessity for the combination of the therapy, both psychiatric and gastroenterological. That is the reason of the longer discussion concerning GI medication.
2. Medicamentous has been replaced by psychotropic medication, as suggested.
3. The part of the abstract has been re - written, thus the stress was made on eventual worsening due to the antidepressant medication.
4. The entire sentence concerning cingulate atrophy was re-written.
5. The numbers in brackets on the page 5 are representing the number of patients who answered the stimulation out of total patients number. We have explained that in the text additionally.
6. The term dependence has been used according the term in the original paper (see reference 69). Nevertheless, the expression has been replaced by "tolerance".
7. The manuscript has been revised by a native English speaking lector.

*Once again, we want to express our gratitude to the reviewers.*

Sincerely yours,



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