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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6534-review.doc).

Title: Escherichia coli-host macrophage interactions in the pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease.

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Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

1 Format has been updated. The changes are highlighted in the revised manuscript.

2 Response to Reviewer 00410327

- (1) We thank the reviewer for their positive comments. We have considered the suggestion to include discussion on reference PMID:23054412. We feel that there must be some error regarding the PMID number provided which does not appear to support our review. We therefore must decline to include discussion regarding a study on H. pylori secreted factors driving inflammation in carcinogenesis of the gastric epithelium. (PMID: 23054412: Amedei A et al. 'Helicobacter pylori secreted peptidyl prolyl cis, trans-isomerase drives Th17 inflammation in gastric adenocarcinoma.' Intern. Emerg. Med. 2012 DOI10.1007/s11739-012-0867-9.

Response to Reviewer 02781521

- (2) We thank the reviewer for their positive comments regarding the quality of our manuscript. As suggested we have added a new figure illustrating the major steps, key bacterial genes and host cell receptors relevant to adherent, invasive *E. coli*-intestinal epithelium interactions.

3 References and formatting have been corrected. PMID and DOI numbers have been included. Citations have been formatted as per instruction. Figures have been provided in an editable format. A list of abbreviations used for each figure has been included.

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

Sincerely yours,



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