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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 10073-review.doc).

Title: Azathioprine is essential following cyclosporine for patients with steroid-refractory ulcerative colitis

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

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Following advice of the reviewer, we have revised our manuscript to make its points more precise and clear. Accordingly, we have deleted reference 17.

First, in the Discussion, we have made the section on cyclosporine treatment more concise. Second, in part of the Discussion, we have changed the order of the parts in which we discuss the main topic, the effect of azathioprine maintenance therapy after cyclosporine. We have described this in order of the usefulness of azathioprine, its side effects, and its ideal duration. We then mention the other maintenance therapies of 5-ASA and neoral. Finally, we had the text carefully reviewed by an experienced native English science editor.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

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