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Dear Editor

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. Based on the suggestions of reviewer, we have modified the original manuscript. Our responses to the reviewer' concerns, and the subsequent modifications made to the manuscript are listed below on a point-by-point basis.

The authors would like to thank the reviewer for their careful and constructive comments.

Sincerely Yours,

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REVIEWER #1

Paper topic is well conceived and organized. Paper is well written, with minor English language editing needed.

Thanks for the comment. We resubmit the revised article to the professional English language editing company for adjustments.

Minor comments:

- Change title to: MicroRNAs expression influence in Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease: a pilot study for the identification of diagnostic biomarkers

Thanks. We changed the title following the reviewer's suggestion.

- Remove "the" before most plural nouns.

Thanks. We corrected the grammar in the final version of the manuscript.

- Extend the conclusion section and describe possible limits of the study (number of patients?)

Thanks. We describe the possible limitations of the study in the end of the discussion section and extend the conclusion of the study as demonstrated in page 15.

- New table should be added.

Thanks for the suggestion but some of these results that are not described here will be used for a new article, thus making it impossible to publish them in this paper.

EDITORIAL OFFICE'S COMMENTS

(1) Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a Basic Study of the MicroRNA expression in IBD patients. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade B; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: Paper topic is well conceived and organized. Paper is well written, with minor english language editing needed. New table should be added. The questions raised by the reviewers should be answered; (3) Format: There are 2

tables and 2 figures; (4) **References:** A total of 54 references are cited, including 16 references published in the last 3 years; (5) **Self-cited references:** There is 1 self-cited references. 2 **Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B.** A language editing certificate issued by editage was provided. 3 **Academic norms and rules:** The authors provided the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 **Supplementary comments:** This is an invited manuscript. The study was supported by São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP). The topic has not previously been published in the WJG.

Thank you very much.

Issues raised:

(1) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s).

Thanks, we uploaded the funding agency approval documents.

(2) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Thanks. We provided the original pictures in power point format.

(3) The "Article Highlights" section is missing. Please add the "Article Highlights" section at the end of the main text.

Thanks, we added the Article Highlights at the end of the main text.

(4) For PMID and DOI numbers of references from English-language journals, please ensure there is a space between the PMID and DOI numbers in the square brackets.

Thanks. We revised all references.

(5) Please upload the primary version (PDF) of the Institutional Review Board's official approval, prepared in the official language of the authors' country to the system; for example, authors from China should upload the Chinese version of the document, authors from Italy should upload the Italian version of the document, authors from Germany should upload the Deutsch version of the document, and authors from the United States and the United Kingdom should upload the English version of the document, etc.

Thanks. We uploaded the primary version of the Institutional Review Board's official approval in Portuguese.

(2) Company editor-in-chief:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Gastroenterology, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. However, the quality of the English language of the manuscript does not meet the requirements of the journal. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company.

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