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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your review of our manuscript and the comments of the reviewers. The following letter shows our efforts to respond to the concerns of the reviewers, and changes in the manuscript. We consider that these revisions have strengthened the manuscript significantly.

If there is any further information that would be of help to you, I can be reached by telephone at +81-52-744-2144, by fax at +81-52-744-2175, or by e-mail at takafumiando-gi@umin.ac.jp.

Thank you again for your kind consideration of this work.

Sincerely yours,

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Response to Reviewer 1:
Comment. I think they are acceptable from my point of view. However the names in reference 10 are still wrong because the family names are not used (only the first names, except for the first author. PubMed- and I know many of the authors).
Response: We have changed the names of authors following the reviewer’s advice.

Response to Reviewer 2:
Comment. Figure 3C still shows a deep longitudinal ulcer, which is a feature of Crohn's disease and may be misleading for the readers. This figure may be deleted.
Response: Following the reviewer’s advice, we have carefully discussed and changed Figure 3C and 3D. Thank you for pointing this out.