Reviewer's report

Title: Presence of intestinal Mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis (MAP) DNA is not associated with altered MMP expression in ulcerative colitis

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Reviewer: Paul Scully

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
Satisfactory

Discretionary Revisions:
Satisfactory

Minor Essential Revisions:
3: Results: Page 12: Paragraph 4: “When comparing patients stratified to the treatment.....more frequently obtained” This sentence needs to be reworded.
4: Discussion: Page 16: Paragraph 2/3: Captial “G” and “N”.
5: Discussion: Page 17: Final paragraph. “,” required after thalidomide.
6: Discussion; Page 19: Paragraph 2: “and MMP, which” comma again required.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests