

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9647-Review.doc).

Title: Production of corticotropin-releasing factor and urocortin from human monocyte-derived dendritic cells is stimulated by commensal bacteria

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

We find the comments of the reviewer to be useful and agree that the suggested changes will substantially improve our manuscript.

Reviewer #1

Overall this is a very interesting, well-written report. The data are clearly presented and appropriately interpreted.

(1) Minor edits Abstract insert “if “ or “whether” after “To examine...”.

(Response) As suggested, we have inserted “whether” after “To examine...”

(2) I’m assuming that urocortin is urocortin 1. Please clarify given that there are a total of 3 urocortin peptides.

(Response) Human urocortin 2 and 3 are not detected using the UCN kit according to the data sheet. Moreover, urocortin 1 can be detected using the primer set Hs01849155_s1. Therefore, we have replaced UCN with UCN1.

(3) Intro. It might be better to replace mental stress with psychological stress.

(Response) As suggested, we have replaced it.

Our manuscript was edited and formatted for the *World Journal of Gastroenterology* by American Journal Experts: <http://www.journalexerts.com>.

We are enclosing the entire revised manuscript and figures. The underlining in the manuscript indicates the changes.

We do appreciate the time and effort that the reviewers have put into helping us with this manuscript, and we hope that it is now suitable for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shigeo Koido". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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