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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4337-edited.docx).

Title: Interventions and Targets Aimed at Improving Quality in Inflammatory Bowel Disease Ambulatory Care

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

1 The format has been updated to follow guidelines for "topic highlight."

2 The following revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers (all changes highlighted in yellow):

1. The title has been changed to more accurately reflect the content of the paper
2. More details on the epidemiology of inflammatory bowel disease has been added including the economic burden of the disease and its impact on quality of life.
3. Details regarding the performance (e.g. sensitivity, specificity) of several objective markers for monitoring disease activity as compared to the gold standard (colonoscopy) have been added.
4. An overview of the fundamental concepts of quality improvement i.e. continuous measurement after intervention implementation to ensure changes are an improvement, has been added.
5. Risks and unintended consequences of the proposed quality improvement initiatives are now discussed in detail.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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