

Point by Point Response to Reviewer 1

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Answer 1: As suggested, we added a new figure (Figure 3 of the revised manuscript) outlining pathophysiology, including molecular pathophysiology, of bone alteration in IBD (page 22, lines 18-20). Legend to figure appears in (page 41, lines 11-12). Also, because of the reviewer's concern we have considerably shortened partagraphs dealing with diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

Point by Point Response to Reviewer 2

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Answer 2: Because of the reviewer's concern, the manuscript has been considerably shortened and the revised version consists of 7649 words and 123 references compared with the first version (8455 words and 133 references).