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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5048-review.docx).

Title: The impact of exome sequencing in inflammatory bowel disease

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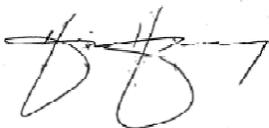
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We thank the reviewers for their comments and the overwhelmingly positive response to our review. In response to the reviewers' remarks we have made a number of changes to the manuscript.

1. The manuscript document has been reformatted to comply with the guidelines provided by Baishideng Publishing.
2. Table 1 has been ordered alphabetically.
3. A Figure 1 has been added at the suggestion of a reviewer to clarify the relationship between variant frequency and variant phenotypic impact. It is referenced in the text.
4. At the reviewer's suggestion, grammar and punctuation has been edited to improve the readability of the text.
5. One reviewer has suggested shortening our section which discusses a recent report in Nature by Hunt et al. We respectfully request to leave the paragraph as-is because the Hunt paper was quite high profile and impacted many observers of the field. Therefore we believe it deserves a thorough response.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hakon Hakonarson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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