To whom it may concern,

This letter is to state that the manuscript (manuscript type: observational study) submitted to the World Journal of Gastroenterology with the title "**Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Patients Suffer from Significant Low Levels and Barriers to Physical Activity: Results from the "BE-FIT-IBD" Study**" and authors " Antonietta Gerarda Gravina, Raffaele Pellegrino, Tommaso Durante, Giovanna Palladino, Rossella D'Onofrio, Simone Mammone, Giusi Arboretto, Salvatore Auletta, Giuseppe Imperio, Andrea Ventura, Mario Romeo and Alessandro Federico" was reviewed by Dr Raffaele Pellegrino, MD, with previous experience in handling biostatistical data. Dr Pellegrino has served multiple times as a biostatistical data analyst in several studies already published in journals with peer-review system and impact factor indexed in major databases (e.g., *Scopus*, Web of Science, EMBASE, etc.).

Kind regards,

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