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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15117-Final_1.7.14_clean)

Title: Assessment of Disease Specific Knowledge and Health-Related Quality of Life among U.S. Military Veterans with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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

- 1) Format has been changed as suggested
- 2) Running title has been approved
- 3) IRB approval letter has been attached
- 4) Required documents have been attached.
- 5) Core tip has been added.
- 6) Comments section has been added
- 7) References have been updated

Thank you again for the opportunity to publish with *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Hou". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Hou" clearly distinguishable.

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