

Dear editor

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript and resubmit for publication in the World journal of Gastroenterology. We really appreciated the time and effort by the reviewers and the editors in evaluating the manuscript. We believe that in the peer review process these comments and changes have strengthened our manuscript further.

Please find a point by point response to the points raised below:

Reviewer 1:

The present manuscript reports the results of online survey regarding disease-related pregnancy knowledge in a relatively large sample of women with IBD from across the UK. They concluded disease-related education is important and health care professional should try to educate patients earlier. The manuscript is interesting and well written. Study methods and conclusion is clear. It will be helpful for readers.

*We thank the reviewer for the kind comments.*

Reviewer 2:

The authors present the results of a large survey of knowledge of IBD amongst female members of the UK patient organization. They is an excellent study overall and the results will be of interest to readers. The limitations of the sampling are recognized; the authors received approximately 1300 responses from 4300 patients invited to participate; it would be interesting if the authors could comment on how representative their sample is of the target 4300 in term of bias in the responder versus non responder population.

*The ethical approval for the study relied on complete anonymity and we were not giving permission to access any data held by Crohn's and Colitis UK on the non-responders to the survey.*

Otherwise the study is clearly explained, the finds are well presented and the discussion is interesting. Would the authors conclude that the findings support the

need for pre-conceptual counseling? The value of this has recently been shown (deLima et al, CGH 2015) and this paper could usefully be cited.

*The authors strongly believe that pre-conceptual counselling plays an important role. We have amended the manuscript to highlight this more and included the very relevant reference.*

The only minor change I would suggest in the manuscript is that in the results section the authors should uniformly present numbers in the text in a numerical form rather than sometimes using words (this occurs a few times in the second paragraph of the results section)

*We thank the reviewer for the point raised. We have only put numbers in using words at the start of sentences as we believe that this is the preferred style. If the editors feel that this should be amended. We would be very happy to do so if applicable during the type setting process.*

Reviewer 3:

It's a dedicated study on IBD and pregnancy in UK. It is definitely useful for readers of WJG and new literature adding knowledge in health care professionals and Gastroenterologists related to IBD

*We thank the reviewer for the kind comments.*

Editor's comments have been addressed as highlighted in the updated manuscript.