Supplementary Table 1: The questionnaire

We are interested in your opinion on treatment of patients with active UC. By answering the questionnaire you are consenting to this study. You can mark your answers by circle, underline or red font. We greatly thank you for your time.

**Please state how much you agree or disagree with following statements**:

If a patient hospitalized for moderate-severe UC flare has been receiving oral 5ASA before the hospitalization, I will usually (more than 75% of the times) continue the 5ASA when starting intravenous corticosteroids

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

If a patient hospitalized for moderate-severe UC flare has not been receiving oral 5ASA before the hospitalization, I will usually start 5ASA when starting intravenous corticosteroids and give them together

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

If I see in my clinic an out-patient with mild moderate UC, who did not respond to optimized 5ASA, I will usually stop the 5ASA when starting oral corticosteroids

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

I believe 5ASA drugs have very good safety profile in UC

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

I believe 5ASA drugs are generally not expensive

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

Patients who experience a moderate-severe UC flare and start receiving corticosteroids may still have some added benefit from 5ASA if given in combination with corticosteroids

Strongly agree tend to agree undecided tend to disagree strongly disagree

**About yourself:**

I have \_\_\_\_\_ years of practice as a GI specialist. I practice medicine in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Country)

I work in a (mark correct answer): university teaching hospital/regional hospital/outpatient clinic setting ?

The percentage of patients I care for who have IBD is \_\_\_\_ % of my patients

**For our quality control of the questionnaire, please tell us if understanding the English language of this questionnaire was:**

Very easy easy fairly understandable difficult very difficult

**We greatly appreciate your time taken in answering this questionnaire. Thank you**