

### **Response to reviewer's comments:**

Reviewer # 503623 comment:

The manuscript reports the results of studies on transitional care from pediatric to adult gastroenterologist in inflammatory bowel disease as experienced in Quebec, Canada. The study was conducted by assessment of the survey among 136 health care professionals involved in caring for IBD patients. The findings revealed that the pediatric patients were inadequately prepared for the transition, thus indicating the importance of an educational program for young adults with IBD. This is a reasonable paper, well written, and although not that scientific could offer a reasonable reading to those dealing with the health system similar to that in Quebec.

Response: No specific issue addressed by this reviewer. We acknowledge the fact that despite the fact that this study was based in Quebec that there are likely other health care systems facing similar issues and our results are unlikely unique to our system. It reinforces the importance of collaboration by the different health care professionals.

Reviewer #68278 Comment:

Transition programs to support pediatric patients who are getting ready to transition to adult healthcare are not frequently used in hospitals. In the presented article the authors aimed to determine the tools needed and problems encountered the transition of IBD patients from pediatric to adult gastroenterologist. Although the percentage of respondents is low, the majority of them believed that a standardized structure is important for a successful transition. The article needs minor language polishing: Introduction, 3.paragraph, the first sentence; Their remains.. must be "There remain or It remains"?

Response: We appreciate the positive comments relating to the study. The minor grammar error pointed out in the introduction was corrected (Their was changed to there).

Reviewer #58448 Comment:

This is an interesting study regarding transition program to support pediatric patients. Despite the percentage of respondents is low, the majority of them believed that a standardized structure is important for a successful transition. This study hints the successful transition may be applied to other world, especially in the Asia with increasing rates of IBD.

Response: No specific issues addressed by this particular reviewer.

**Response to Editors Comments:**

Comment 1 – The Scientific research process was included in the revised manuscript

Comment 2 – The affiliations of each author was adjusted according to WJG

Comment 3 – Author contribution was added to the manuscript

Comment 4 – Institutional review board statement was included in the manuscript

Comment 5 – All files were signed by the corresponding author and will be provided in PDF format

Comment 6 – Clinical trial registration statement does not apply to our study, as it is not a clinical trial.

Comment 7 – Conflict of interest statement was included in the edited manuscript.

Comment 8 – Data sharing statement was included in the edited manuscript

Comment 9 – A biostatistics statement concerning the statistical method was included as well in the edited manuscript.

Comment 10 – Keywords were included in the edited manuscript

Comment 11 – A 100 word summary was also included in the edited manuscript

Comment 12 – An audio core tip was made and will be sent to the BPG as well

Comment 13 – All the references were reformatted to the style of WJG journal

Comment 14 – A comments section was included at the end of the manuscript

Comment 15 – The reference section was adjusted according to WJG format