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Lian-Sheng Ma,
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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please find our revision letter on the following manuscript. Thank you for your comments that helped in further clarifying our paper.

Manuscript NO: 38925

Title: "Quality of care in inflammatory bowel diseases: is tight control the way to better outcomes?"

Authors: Matthew Strohl, Lorant Gonczi, Zsuzsanna Kurti, Talat Bessissow and Peter Laszlo Lakatos

Thank you for taking the time to read through the review we wrote regarding quality care and IBD. We appreciate the positive response and constructive feedback.

Reviewer #1: The authors of the paper " Quality of care in inflammatory bowel diseases: is tight control the way to better outcomes?" present the complex nature of diagnosis and treatment of IBD, the impact of the course of the disease on the quality of life of the patient and the economic burden on care for the patient. The authors present the results of interim work in which various methods were evaluated to assess the quality of care for patients with IBD - which are important in improving the quality of treatment and the life of an IBD patient. In addition, the problem of proper pharmacotherapy is addressed, aimed not only at the clinical improvement of the patient but rather the cure of the intestinal mucosa " treating-to-target structure " . Cure of the intestinal mucosa guarantees prolonged remission of the disease and improvement of the patient's quality of life. In my opinion, the manuscript is correctly written and can be published.

Reply to reviewer 1:

Thank you for the comment. No major issues or comments brought up.

Reviewer #2: It is a well written paper summarizing current opportunities to optimize quality of care in IBD patients. In a comprehensive way the authors describe quality indicators, treating to target, benefits of tighter patients' control, rapid access clinic as well new means like telemedicine in improving IBD patients' care. My only doubt is weather a different title

(for instance "Quality of care in inflammatory bowel diseases: what is the best way to better outcomes?") would not be more suitable as a tight control is only a part of all considerations.

Reply to reviewer 2:

Thanks for the feedback. We agree that perhaps changing the title to what you proposed more accurately reflects the content and theme of the review article. We have therefore changed the title to "Quality of care in inflammatory bowel diseases: what is the best way to better outcomes?".

Reviewer #3: This review summarizes the recent approaches in managing IBD patients, including telemedicine and a treating-to-target structure. Overall it presents a fine summary of the current literature in the field of IBD management. Comments: 1. There are several typo and grammar errors in the manuscript. 2. In the study conducted by Pena-Sanchez et al (page 9 under the title of evidence surrounding QI Application), the compared groups should be clearly mentioned in the conclusion.

Reply to reviewer #3:

Thanks for the positive feedback as well. The manuscript was thoroughly reviewed, and all grammatical errors and typos were corrected. In the Pena-Sanchez paragraph a line was added for completeness.

We would like to thank you again for the helpful comments and for considering our paper. We believe that the changes have improved the quality of the manuscript and we do hope that the revised manuscript could be of interest to the readers of World Journal of Gastroenterology.

Sincerely yours,

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