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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: wjg-4726 revised).

Title: Gastrointestinal motility disorders in inflammatory bowel diseases

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

1. As required, the title was changed and more emphasis was put on the motility aspects. Concerning achalasia, this was not discussed here, only mentioned in the context of the presence of organic abnormalities (ie, myenteric plexitis) in a "functional" disorder.
2. As required, the prevalence of infrequent localizations was given. There is no report on the actual prevalence of motor abnormalities in IBD.
3. The correlation between motor abnormalities and symptoms has virtually never been assessed in literature. Most data are related to IBS-like symptoms, well described in literature.
4. As required, the tests used in the various studies are now better specified in the text.
5. As required, we added a table summarizing the present knowledge on the topic.
6. There are no specific data on this issue, since treatment of motor abnormalities in IBD atients has not been addressed yet.
7. The possibility that motor abnormalities alter drug delivery in IBD patients has beed added, as required.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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