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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name:4805-review.docx)

**Title:** Quality Improvement in Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Moving Forward to Improve Outcomes

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

- 1) Manuscript format has been updated according to the "Format for Review"- Revisions are highlighted with comment box to the right of the word document.
- 2) Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

**Reviewer 00007918:**

1. IBD-Unclassified was included as one the IBD classifications
2. A comment on limitations of activity indexes was included-need to define remissions as complete mucosal healing or 'deep 'remission.
3. Knowledge of pediatric QI collaborative similar to IBD like rheumatoid arthritis (RA) was considered. There are none which are specific to RA to our knowledge; however we do provide brief comments on QI efforts in arthritis care with reference to a set of QIs which focus on juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**Reviewer 00048752:**

1. Visual modalities and tables were added.
  - a. Table 1- Definitions of common quality improvement terms.
  - b. Table 2- Quality indicators assessed through ICN.
  - c. Figure 1- Modified Plan-Do-Study-Act Cycle.

**Reviewer 02445712:**

Thank you very much for taking the time to review our paper. We greatly appreciate your feedback and are glad that our paper has peaked your interest.

- 3) References and other revisions suggested by the editor were corrected.

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

Sincerely yours,



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