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Dear Prof. Jia-Ping Yan, editor of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*,

We acknowledge the revisions to our manuscript. “Quality of life, Work Impairment and Healthcare Resources in the Management of IBD in Brazil: results from the RISE BR study” (Manuscript Number: 49747), which contribute to its improvement!

All comments were addressed, and most were integrated in this new version. Bellow, you may find our point-by-point response. In addition, the editor’s requirements were also addressed.

We are now submitting a new version with track changes, for your appreciation.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE

Reviewer #1

(...) However, there are several weaknesses in this work, which should be revised:

1. Several printing errors needs to be modified. For example, on the section of Abstract, “AIM To describe QoL and work and activity impairment (WPAI)” should be replaced by “To describe QoL and work productivity and activity impairment (WPAI)”. On the section of Core tip, “Approximately one-third of patients had some work and activity impairment” should be replaced by “Approximately one-third of patients had some work productivity and activity impairment”. Therefore, please careful check your Manuscript and modify any errors.

Authors: The manuscript was reviewed to mention work productivity impairment.

2. The quality of logic and presentation of the key idea, statistical analysis and discussion are good.
3. The content of the article is corresponding well to the title.

Authors: Thank you for the feedback!

4. On the section of Results, please delete the redundancy sentences when the tables or figures have clearly showed the same information. The value of the statistical analysis should be written in the corresponding graphs and tables.

Authors: We removed some information as requested but most is still described in the results, to highlight the main findings.

5. The Table, Figure, Reference, and special symbols must fit the journal's requirements or format.

Authors: The manuscript was reviewed to fit the journal's requirements and format.

Reviewer #2

In this large multicenter study, the authors revealed the significance of health burden of IBD patients. The results are sound, especially considering IBD prevalence is increasing.

Authors: Thank you for the feedback!

Reviewer #3

(...) Similar studies, as mentioned by the authors, have been performed in other countries. This study has not provided new findings in terms of IBD. However, in the introduction, the authors justified that there is a lack of data from Latin American countries, they therefore performed this study. Given this, it is expected that the authors would compare their findings with previous studies from other countries in the discussion. They indeed mentioned a study from Australia and a study from France in the discussion. However, additional comparison with studies from other countries should be included. For example, the study by Lonnfors et al in 2014 (Journal of Crohn's and Colitis 2014) assessed large numbers of patients from Europe, a study by Holko et al from UK (PLOS ONE 2016).

Authors: Thank you for providing these additional references, that are now mentioned in the Discussion.

The Abstract needs to be revised. Statistical analysis was not mentioned, which makes it difficult to know what changes are statistically significant.

Authors: The Results section of the Abstract was reviewed to present the relevant p-values. Thank you!

Reviewer #4

Dear authors, I read the manuscript the titled "Quality of life, Work Impairment and Healthcare Resources in the Management of IBD in Brazil: results from the RISE BR study". It is novel and well-presented study. I have no additional recommendation.

Authors: Thank you for the feedback!