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**Response to reviewers**

Dear Editor(s),

Hereby, we submit our revised manuscript entitled "Benefits of implementing a rapid access clinic in a high volume inflammatory bowel disease center: access, resource utilization and outcomes" as an original article to the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Please find below our detailed responses to the reviewers' comments:

**Reviewer #1, Number ID: 00008517**

*An interesting, well conducted study showing that implementation of a rapid access clinic is beneficial for patients with inflammatory bowel disease, in terms of patient satisfaction, diagnostic performance, and healthcare costs. On these basis it is likely that, should these services be more diffuse, the often seen overcrowding of emergency departments could substantially decrease. Since these data are limited to North American experience, it would be useful to have some ideas on whether these or similar experiences (and the results) are available in other countries (Europe, Asia). In addition, I would like to see some comments by the authors on the use of abdominal ultrasound (and, particularly, small bowel ultrasound) in the evaluation of these patients, since in many countries this appears to be a cost-effective first step even in emergency situations. - Minor revision*

**Reviewer #2, Number ID: 03580207**

*This is research article "Benefits of implementing a rapid access clinic in a high volume inflammatory bowel disease center: access, resource utilization and outcomes" has some research significance. - Accept (General priority)*

**We thank the reviewers for their evaluations and comments. We added further examples of experience with rapid access patient**

**pathways in IBD management from Europe, however we could not find relevant examples in the literature from Asia. We also modified our discussion including a short additional section on the use of abdominal ultrasonography in UBD.**

We hope that our responses are adequate to further clarify and improve our study and we thank the reviewers for their comments.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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