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ANSWERING REVIEWERS

Dear Editor,
Dear Jin-Lei Wang,
Dear Su-Xin Gou,



Please find attached our revised manuscript:

ESPS Manuscript NO: 5817

Article title: Disease course in Crohn's disease: is the natural history changing?

Authors: Petra A. Golovics, Michael D. Mandel, Barbara D. Lovasz, Peter L. Lakatos

We are grateful to the reviewers for their positive opinion and for suggesting our paper for publication in an unchanged format.

Answers to editors' comments:

- 1. we added authors' contribution**
- 2. we revised the reference numbering in the text**
- 3. we revised the heading format as requested**

Answers to reviewer comments:

Reviewed by **00029041**

"This paper is well-written with important learning points."

Thank you for the positive opinion.

Answers to reviewer comments:

Reviewed by **00028188**

"Nice paper - no changes suggested"

Thank you for the positive opinion.

Answers to reviewer comments:

Reviewed by **00031292**

"This article reviews epidemiology literatures on Crohn's disease from four aspects as follow: "disease location, behavior and overall disease activity", "hospitalization", "surgery in Crohn's disease" and "Mortality". The authors draw a conclusion that the natural history of Crohn's disease might change by analyzing the results from recently and previously published literatures. Conclusions are objective and interesting. It deserves to publish according to reasons abovementioned."

Thank you for the positive opinion.

Further minor changes:

1. Please note that there was some minor linguistic edits on page 14 when interpreting the results from the AZTEC and RAPID trials (see in red).

We would like to thank you again for the helpful comments and for considering our paper. We do hope that the changes that have been made, have improved the quality of the manuscript also with regards to the presentation of the data.

All authors have fulfilled the criteria of authorship and seen and approved the final version of the revised manuscript and they have authorized the first author to grant on behalf of all authors to transfer exclusive copyright to *World Journal of Gastroenterology* in case of acceptance.

We do hope that the new data presented could be of interest to the readers of the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

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