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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5281-review.doc).

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

1 Format has been updated:

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer 00000653

- (1) We have added an abstract
- (2) We have considered his remark about the level of vitamin D in patients without IBD and we have included a group of age- and sex-matched healthy control subjects.
- (3) From our previous data we can say that CD patients with moderate to severe disease activity had significantly lower vitamin D levels, but the data available did not allow us to draw a conclusion on the influence of the changes in vitamin D levels on disease severity or activity. To have this information, we would need a prospective assessment of the IBD activity under vitamin D supplementation.
- (4) We have reviewed the rules for significant digits and revised the numbers in the text and tables.
- (5) We have reported the p values with two digits as required.
- (6) We have capitalized the N in New Zealand.
- (7) We have reviewed the recommended papers and considered some of them appropriate to be cited.

3 References and typesetting have been corrected

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

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