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**Title:** Serum concentrations of insulin-like growth factor-binding protein 5 in Crohn's disease

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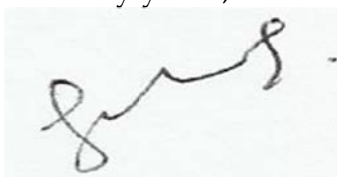
The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated
2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer
  - (1) The authors explained the meaning of different intensity scores of IGFBP-5 immunostaining in Figure 2(A), 2(B) and 2(C). Also, more arrows and sample information were added.
  - (2) In results, page 10, second paragraph was rewritten.
  - (3) Table 3 columns were relabeled.
  - (4) In page 3, third paragraph was rewritten as the first draft contained some confusing terminology.
  - (5) In page 7, first paragraph, the patients who had active disease were clarified.
  - (6) In page 7, third paragraph the endoscopic sampling was redefined.
  - (7) In page 10, third paragraph, data was not shown in a table because the main subject of this article was the Crohn's Disease patients with stricture formation.
  - (8) In page 11, first paragraph, the results about IGFBP-5 immunostaining were described and more details were added. Table 4 with correlation analysis was deleted and replaced by a new table showing IGFBP-5 immunoexpression results in Crohn's Disease patients with stricture formation.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

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