Treatment group	Non- IFX treatment group (level 1-3)				IFX treatment group (level 4)			Paired groups	
	1 (N=15)	2 (N=21)	3 (N=27)	Total (N=63)	<4 times <sup>a</sup>	$\geq$ 4times <sup>a</sup>	Total (N=41)	Non- IFX	IFX
		. ,			(N=17) (N=24)		· · ·	(N=32)	
	c 17	0.20		7.61	6.25	7.06			7.02
Before <sup>b</sup> After <sup>b</sup>	6.47	8.38	7.65	7.61	6.35	7.06	6.77	7.77	7.92
	1.53	1.17	1.52	1.40	2.09	0.42	1.11	1.42	1.39
Variation <sup>b</sup>	-4.93	-7.21	-6.13	-6.21	-4.26	-6.65	-5.66	-6.34	-6.53
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.577	0.194	0.655	0.528	0.081		<0.001	0.702	
MCIBDQ									
Bowel									
symptoms	42.00	44.17	47 25	45.05	41 76	41.05	41.45	45.05	00.00
Before <sup>b</sup>	43.80	44.17	47.25	45.37	41.76	41.25	41.46	47.85	39.28
After <sup>b</sup>	56.16	60.70	57.69	58.32	56.27	63.71	60.63	58.64	59.93
Variation <sup>b</sup>	12.30	16.37	10.39	12.83	14.51	22.46	19.16	10.56	20.65
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.114	0.469	0.019	0.029	0.060 < <b>0.001</b>		0.007		
Systemicsympto									
ms									
Before <sup>b</sup>	19.60	19.05	18.81	19.08	15.12	18.17	16.90	19.72	15.53
After <sup>b</sup>	24.36	25.87	22.85	24.21	24.18	28.63	26.78	24.78	26.59
Variation <sup>b</sup>	4.50	6.82	4.15	5.15	9.06	10.46	9.88	5.06	11.06
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.046	0.189	0.008	0.006	0.615		<0.001	0.007	
Emotional									
function									
Before <sup>b</sup>	50.00	52.10	53.50	52.18	43.66	48.50	46.49	56.34	44.38
After <sup>b</sup>	59.73	67.84	64.30	64.47	60.35	72.88	67.68	67.09	66.72
Variation <sup>b</sup>	9.51	15.74	10.73	12.18	16.69	24.38	21.19	10.74	22.34
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.028	0.221	0.022	0.010	0.154		<0.001	0.015	
Social function									
Before <sup>b</sup>	21.77	20.76	22.03	21.54	17.42	19.70	18.79	22.98	17.40
After <sup>b</sup>	26.86	28.55	26.23	27.16	23.89	30.65	27.94	27.45	27.67
Variation <sup>b</sup>	5.23	7.79	4.29	5.71	6.47	10.95	9.16	4.47	10.27
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.196	0.640	0.054	0.086	0.192		<0.001	0.024	
Total MCIBDQ									
Before <sup>b</sup>	135.17	136.08	141.58	138.17	119.81	127.61	124.49	146.89	117.51
After <sup>b</sup>	167.10	181.77	171.07	173.67	164.18	195.85	183.19	177.09	181.05
Variation <sup>b</sup>	31.55	45.24	29.56	35.25	44.37	68.24	58.69	29.55	63.54
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.066	0.303	0.019	0.015	0.127		<0.001	0.004	
Total SF-36									
Before <sup>b</sup>	88.53	89.26	95.76	92.03	78.80	88.54	84.50	95.20	79.58

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After <sup>b</sup>	104.21	110.32	101.45	104.95	103.25	120.39	113.80	105.21	113.14
Variation <sup>b</sup>	14.34	21.66	6.20	12.94	22.22	31.85	28.14	10.45	32.40
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.084	0.389	0.001	0.004	0.269		<0.001	0.002	
Health transition									
Before <sup>b</sup>	4.07	3.76	3.93	3.90	3.94	4.00	3.98	3.97	4.06
After <sup>b</sup>	2.73	2.33	2.59	2.54	2.94	1.42	2.05	2.72	1.94
Variation <sup>b</sup>	-1.33	-1.43	-1.33	-1.37	-1.00	-2.58	-1.93	-1.25	-2.13
<i>P</i> value <sup>c</sup>	0.273	0.298	0.125	0.102	0.002		<0.001	0.075	

a, according to the times of IFX infusion till the last interview, subjects in IFX group were divided into 2 subgroups:<4 timesand  $\geq$  4 times;

b, the mean scores before treatment or after treatment were calculated on all available data excluding the dropped domain scores; all the variations were defined as (score of the interview after treatment minus score of the interview before treatment) without dropped domains both before and after treatment;

c. Independent *t*-test and paired *t*-test were applied. *P* values in the groups of treatment level 1, 2 or 3 were assessed by comparing thescore variance between level 1 and level 4, level 2 and level 4 and level 3 and level 4, respectively; *P* values in the total non-IFX treatment group were assessed by comparing the score variance between thetotal non-IFX treatment group and the total IFX treatment group; *P* values in subgroups of IFX treatment group were assessed by comparing the score variance betweenscore of the  $2^{nd}$  interview and score of the  $1^{st}$  interview; *P* values in paired groups were assessed by comparing the score variance betweenthese two paired groups.

The data of missing responses were excluded according to setting of PASW Statistics 18.0. The P values in bold were those with significance at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).