S1 Table

Score	Weight loss	Stool consistency	Occult/gross faecal bleeding
0	None	Normal	Negative
1	1-5%	Normal	Negative
2	5-10%	Loose	Hemoccult positive
3	10-20%	Loose	Blood in colon
			Starting bleeding from anus
4	>20%	Diarrhoea	Gross bleeding
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Scoring of disease activity index. Scoring of disease activity index is combined score of weight loss, stool consistency and bleeding divided by 3. *Normal stool* = well-formed pellets; *Loose stool* = pasty and semi-formed stool that does not adhere to the anus; *Diarrhoea* = liquid stool that adheres to the anus. Modified according to Cooper *et al.* [1].

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