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clinicopathologic features well. Most of the contents look original and acceptable for publication. However, several minor points are to be addressed: 1) It would be much better to show include all data in Table 4 (number of patients, percentage, and p-value for each variable); 2) In addition, some of the data do not match the main text: activity scores in the left colon of PSC-UC patients with OLT vs. those without OLT, $p=0.0568$ in the main text but 0.0599 in Table 4. Please inspect the data carefully and fix them; 3) Please provide more detailed clinicopathologic features that led to the diagnosis of PSC-CD: characteristic colonoscopic, radiologic, or histologic; and (3) Format: There are 4 tables and a figure. A total of 30 references are cited, including 4 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade A. Language editing certificate was waived. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form, the Biostatistics Review Certificate, the Institutional Review Board Approval Form. The Signed Informed Consent Form(s) or Document(s) is not applicable. The Copyright License Agreement requires all authors to sign manually. No academic misconduct was found in the CrossCheck detection and Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. This study was supported by the Washington University School of Medicine Department of Pathology and Immunology. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) I found the authors did not provide the

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