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Timothy M Pawlik, MD, MPH, FACS
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Dear Dr. Pawlik:

Thank you for your kind attention to our manuscript submission ESPS Manuscript NO: 22869, "Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Biologic Era". We greatly appreciate the time given by your reviewers and editorial board, and hope to address the reviewers' comments below. All corrections and edits within the manuscript are highlighted, and the page number referenced in the responses below.

Reviewer #1:

This review is complete and well presented; I have no major points to raise.

Thank you for the review.

Reviewer #2:

This is an excellent review worth publishing.

Thank you for the review.

Reviewer #3:

This is a nice review that discuss the role of surgery in the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease and the impact of biologics on postoperative outcomes. The paper is well written and updated. My only suggestion is to insert a table indicating treatments (medication and dosage), number of patients, outcomes, significance etc.

Thank you for an excellent suggestion. We attempted to put together a table as suggested above but the data is quite heterogenous and therefore the table cumbersome and difficult to interpret. We have therefore elected to omit the table.

We are grateful for the care and interest shown towards our work, and would be happy to respond to any additional questions or comments as necessary. We look forward to your final decision.

Sincerely,

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