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Dear Dr Qi

**Re: Manuscript No: 23386  
"Cost-Effectiveness of Crohn's Disease Post-Operative Care"**

We thank you and your reviewers for their positive comments and interest in this study and for recommending publication. We have considered the comments and suggestions from the reviewers, responded point-by-point and revised the manuscript accordingly. Please find below our response and details of the revisions.

We hope this paper is now acceptable for publication.

Kindest regards

Emily Wright.

**Reviewer 1:**

This study is quite relevant, however the sample is reduced and a loss of follow-up of 10%, which could compromise the results.

**We thank the reviewer for this observation. We have not mentioned this as a limitation of the study. This has been included in the discussion and now reads as follows:**

*"The major limitation of this study is the small study size which included a sub-set of patients enrolled in the POCER study."*

**Reviewer 2:**

Congratulations for the quality of manuscript. We commented none mention to virtual colonoscopy.

**We thank the reviewer for this comment. Respectfully the use of virtual colonoscopy has not been evaluated in the post-operative setting in Crohn's disease. For this reason it has not been considered in this cost analysis.**

**Reviewer 3:**

It must be a common practice for authors to number pages sequentially.

**Pages have now been numbered.**

Please, read carefully the Format for references and make corrections (the first author should be typed in bold-faced letters, etc.).

**We thank the reviewer for making this observation. References have been corrected in line with the journal guidelines.**

Please, mention limitations (if any!?) of your study

**Limitations have now been mentioned in the discussion section of the manuscript.**