

To the Reviewers:

We appreciate the opportunity to resubmit our revised manuscript "The Declining use of Combination Infliximab and Immunomodulator for Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Community Setting." We have made all the suggested changes-as outlined below- and believe that our work has improved significantly with you input.

On behalf myself and my co-authors, thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer 1:

"Please decrease the length of introduction by half. Please Combine data of Tables 1a-1b-1c Please decrease number of Figures to 50%."

Response:

1. The Introduction has been reduced by more than half.
2. The tables have been consolidated as requested and 50% of the figures have been removed.

Reviewer 2:

"I suggest the authors provide a more balanced discussion on this issue - including the possibility that the lack of a surge in the use of CT in IBD in the

community might not simply be the result of "education" but also of a more sophisticated approach in reading "landmark" studies and listening to experts' opinion. 2. The Introduction is very long – often describing obvious features of IBD. I suggest the authors shorten it to half of the current length. The Discussion could also be made much shorter. 3. The figures do not offer an immediate message. I suggest the authors simply plot the proportions of patients on CT over time – perhaps with a vertical line showing the SONIC publication date. 4. Comparing proportions of UC patients on CT in the UC population before and after the Sonic study might not be appropriate and should not be done. 5. Figure legends are missing."

Response:

1. The discussion has been modified to consider various hypotheses to explain the decline in combination therapy rates (see page 9, paragraph 2).
2. The introduction and discussion have been shortened.
3. The figures have been modified to clearly convey the trend of CT utilization over the years.
4. We have removed the pre vs. post-SONIC comparison amongst UC patients.
5. Figure legends are added.
6. The description of the evidence for CT has been updated to be more even-handed and avoids overemphasizing the evidence for the superiority of CT.