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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 5927-Review.docx).

Title: Management of Intestinal Failure in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Small Intestinal Transplantation or Home Parenteral Nutrition?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

We should like to thank the reviewers for their suggestions. We have modified our article to reflect all of these suggestions in our revised manuscript. We are extremely grateful to the reviewers for their insight, because we believe that their comments have enhanced to the quality of our article. We include an itemised response to each below.

1) ITx indications were particularize in Table 1. If possible, the actual rates (or something like numbers) should be added to give an overall picture.

We agree that it is important to highlight the differing clinical applications of each ITx indication. Therefore, we have included the percentage of patients with each main candidacy indication (described in Table 1). To prevent over complicating the table, we have included this in the main text.

2) The most important result of ITx or HPN should be clear with a table or figure.

Thank you for highlighting that survival is a key factor when deciding between ITx and HPN. In order to better emphasise the HPN's and ITx's differing survival rates, we have included a summary table in our review (Table 2).

3) The authors described data of North America and Europe. Some readers would like to learn about third world including Asia, South America, and Africa, even if there was few reports and literatures of it.

We agree that it is important to highlight differences in ITx availability across the world, as this will undoubtedly influence clinical decisions. As you suggested, we have amended our review to highlight the disparity between the number of ITx procedures being performed in different parts of the world.

4) It would be better if the authors add a table for complications of ITx and HPN.

We agree that this will add to the quality of the review and have added a summary table.

5) Some abbreviations should be fully spelled when they appear first in the text

We have checked that abbreviations are fully spelled when they are first used.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

We have been granted permission to cite the Intestinal Transplant Registry.

Yours sincerely,

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