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Title: A prospective postsurgical capsule endoscopy in patients with Crohn's disease

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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

(1) Comment#1: Page5 Capsule endoscopy (CE), a new diagnostic imaging tool for the small bowel".
CE is not soon NEW now.

Revision: We eliminated the word "new".

(2) Comment#2: Did the authors compare the CDAI score or other inflammatory markers, such as CRP, ESR, fecal calprotectin with the findings of CE during baseline and follow-up?

Revision: The CDAI score at baseline (shortly after surgery) was added to the manuscript. The data of the CRP level at the time of baseline and follow-up was also added.

(3) Comment#3: Regarding treatment, why only one case receive immunomodulator therapy.

Answer: Immunomodulators, particularly azathioprine was found to induce more adverse reactions, such as neutropenia, more frequently in Asians than in Caucasians. Concomitant immunomodulatory therapy with anti-TNF may be more effective than anti-TNF alone for Crohn's disease patients, who were naïve to both treatments. However, combination therapy may induce hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, particularly in young male patients. Therefore, concomitant immunomodulatory therapy with anti-TNF has not yet strongly recommended in Japan. These could be reasons why only one case receives immunomodulator therapy in our study. Since these contents are less related to the main topics of our article, we did not add these discussions.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Sincerely yours,

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