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To the Authors: Thank you for a well-selected and well-crafted topic, very important for everyday practice in treatment of Crohn's disease patients. But, in my opinion, some clarifications and changes are needed. 1. The Methods do not clearly explain the randomization method, e.g. what is meant by a „training set“ and what is a „validation set“. 2. Furthermore, the objectives clearly state that the risk for surgery is estimated after one year from diagnosis, but in the analysis were included patient with previous resections associated with Crohn's disease and perianal surgery. How do you explain their inclusion? 3. Ultrasound as a method of diagnosis of Crohn's disease is highly dependent on the training and experience of the operator. Was the bowel UTS performed by well-trained operators? 4. Exclusive enteral nutrition (EEN) has proven to be effective in the first manifestation of the disease, especially in small bowel affection. In your work, the effect of EEN in disease complications was examined. It is not stated whether all patients with complications used EEN, or only part of them. The characteristics of patients who have been on EEN should be stated. 5. Relevant literature is cited in the paper, but abbreviations of the journals title are not adequately written. 6. The numbers and explanations of the pictures should be written below, not above the picture.

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The paper has been well written. Comments and queries are as follows –

1. The rate of intestinal surgery at 1 year appears to be quite high (24.25%) and does not reflect the usual course of Crohn's disease (CD).
2. While including factors in a model, a predictor can be included in multivariate analysis if it is important even if it doesn't have the desired p value on univariate analysis. Age at onset of disease should have been included in the multivariate analysis.
3. What duration of biological therapy or exclusive enteral nutrition was considered as cut-off for inclusion in this study?
4. Among the 1002 patients included, were data on all parameters available in each of them?
5. How was the site for estimating bowel wall thickness determined, and in what proportion the evaluation was suboptimal?
6. The performance of the model in the validation set showed less than 70% sensitivity and the nomogram appears complex to use. Thus limits the clinical utility of this model.

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