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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9287-Review.doc).

Title: Impact of Medical Therapy on Patients with Crohn's Disease Requiring Surgical Resection

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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 on selection of two periods of time to compare
 - Two groups were selected based on the availability of anti-TNF agents in Canada
 - This comment has been added in the METHODS section
 - (2) Information about patients in years 2000 – 2005
 - It is difficult to draw meaningful conclusions from this group of patients. Their disease progression may not truly reflect medication use. Other confounding factors such as prescriber comfort, availability of anti-TNF agents, and availability of infusion facility may impact medication use.
 - We believe comparing the very early (1995 – 2000) and late (2005 – 20010) cohorts best reflect the study aim by eliminating other uncontrollable confounding factors previously listed. Therefore, this analysis was not performed.
3. References and typesetting were corrected

All revisions of the the manuscript have been highlighted.

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

Sincerely yours,



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