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Dear Dr. Christopher Foote,

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Thank you for your letter and the Reviewer comments regarding our manuscript entitled “TNF-alpha and LPA promote synergistic expression of COX-2 in human colonic myofibroblasts: role of LPA-mediated transactivation of upregulated EGFR”. We appreciate the thoroughness of your journal and were pleased that the Reviewer felt that this was “well-written”, and that he recommended “that BMC Gastroenterology accept the article for publication”. We have prepared a revised version of manuscript #5734969227600876, incorporating the points addressed by the Reviewer. A description of the new information incorporated in the revised manuscript is outlined below:

**Minor Points**

1. This information is important to clarify the terminology and has been added to the Background Section.
2. The complex signaling interactions involving TNF-α, EGFR, and LPA may also regulate COX-1, and this will be explored in future studies. This information was added to the Conclusion Section.

We hope that this revised version of manuscript #5734969227600876 is now suitable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology.

Sincerely,

James Yoo