Reviewer's report

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Thank you for addressing my comment. I agree with the authors. However, I would like the authors to discuss in more detail why earlier introduction of immunomodulators and biologics did not decrease surgical rate in this study. Could it be that the magnitude of differences of biologics/immunomodulators use in the 2 cohorts was not big enough, particularly in the first year after diagnosis? Or due to the limitation of administrative databases that do not have the detail of disease severity and phenotype which could have affected the treatment outcome as the authors state in the limitation of the study?

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