

Reviewer No. 01003539

This article has made important contributions to understanding the association between patients with ulcerative colitis and colorectal cancer development.

We wish to thank you

Reviewer No. 00068485

This is an interesting report of CRC prevalence in those with UC in an Indian population Comments: 1. The authors make the point that the this study encompasses incidence of CRC in UC within a low CRC prevalence region but IBD is also of lower prevalence compared to the West Thus the parity in CRC rates with the West almost suggests a more aggressive form of UC in the East or that management is different. This should be discussed. 2. Only 25% were on Azathioprine with none recorded as having anti-TNF therapy. This will be in contrast to UC treatment in the West How do the authors account for this as a potential confounder? 3. Although the data was collected prospectively, this is still a retrospective study extracted from a database and not a prospectively designed study. The latter is difficult as numbers are small hence Metanalyses are performed 4. Some inconsistency in presenting figures - keep to two or three decimal points 5. In the discussion, the authors have not acknowledged that whilst the CRC incidence in UC patients is similar to the West (the West has a much higher IBD prevalence) What is the IBD prevalence in India? Is this rising and what impact has the Phyliriasis eradication programme had on this? 6. I do wonder if there is merit rather than a single manuscript but instead a metanalysis of the three Indian studies which might provide a more uniform message.

Reviewer No 02562428

1. Section of Results seems to be confused. Authors should

express it with more clear and logics. They had better add some subtitles for this section.

Reviewer No **02549398**

Your manuscript entitled “Colorectal cancers in ulcerative colitis from a low-prevalence area for colon cancer” shows an attractive analysis about the risk of colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis. We are including comments below for your information. Major comment 1. The authors advise colonoscopic surveillance routinely. Does your surveillance protocol show the multiple nontargeted (“random”) biopsies or using chromoendoscopy throughout the colon? 2. We would like to know the histopathologic tumor node metastasis (TNM) staging (AJCC/UICC) about all cases. 3. The authors emphasized the incidence and risk factors for colorectal cancer in patients with ulcerative colitis from a low prevalence region for colorectal cancer. It would be interesting to know what you think about the specific supports or education in a low-endemicity zone for preventing the colon cancer.