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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There is an interesting study that evaluates the role of serum albumin values at diagnosis as a potential predictive biomarker of the outcome of inflammatory disease UC. I recommend to assess also the correlation between albumin and other known predictive parameters of the disease evolution with respect to establish a predictive model of clinical course of UC.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors demonstrated the significance of serum levels of albumin to predict outcome of patients with UC. The present study was well organized and well investigated. To improve the quality of this paper, the authors should revise it according to the following suggestion. 1) The authors should firstly investigate and determine the cut-off level of hypoalbuminemia. Because hypoalbuminemia (i.e.,  $\leq 3.5$  gm/dl) would be frequently observed in active stage of UC patients, the authors should carefully determine/ define hypoalbuminemia to predict the outcome of UC.



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This work looks at baseline albumin results in adults with diagnosis of UC, and the prognostic implications of low levels. Specific Comments 1. The short title is not really shorter than the full title 2. The authors comment about disease prevalence in the INTRODUCTION, but do not qualify this with regards the region of interest. prevalence does vary according to the region/country of interest 3. The INTRODUCTION could be enhanced with careful reformatting. The bulk of this section comprises one very long paragraph 4. There are a number of minor errors of English language or ward usage. Physician in the INTRODUCTION should be physicians, for example. Feature should be features in the METHODS 5. the authors refer to indeterminate colitis: do they actually mean IBDO? This should be used correctly 6. Were patients with another known reason for hypoalbuminaemia (such as renal or nutritional causes) excluded from the study cohort? 7. The last part of the RESULTS section only refers to those with low albumin



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levels: there is no comparison with the other group 8. The FIGURE LEGENDS are inadequate and should be enhanced to more clearly represent the figures. The TABLE heading could also be enhanced