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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

With this paper, the Authors aimed to review of the efficacy and safety of the IBD therapeutic agents in the elderly population. The prevalence of IBD in the elderly patients has been steadily rising over the last few decades, thus this review gives us



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valuable information regarding therapeutic strategy in elderly IBD patients. This review also showed that more prospective studies are required to better define the efficacy and safety of biologic treatment for elderly IBD patients. This minireview is acceptable for publication.

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LeBlanc et al. is a review article on the current available literature on the management of inflammatory bowel disease in the elderly patients, including biologic and biosimilar (anti-TNF agents, anti-integrin molecules, anti-interleukin 12/23) agents and IBD-related



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surgeries. The challenge is that high-quality data remains scarce in terms of optimal management strategies in the elderly IBD population to date and that available trials have been mostly retrospective, of small sample size, likely owing to under-representation of such a population in the major randomized controlled trials. Greatly however, according to the authors, in the last five years, there has been a steady increase in the number of published trials, helping clarify the estimated benefits and toxicity of the existing IBD armamentarium. The literature show that a minority of elderly IBD patients (1-3%) were treated with biologics or biosimilars within the five years following diagnosis, whilst almost a quarter of these patients were receiving corticosteroid therapy despite its multiple toxicities. The low use of biologic and/or biosimilar agents in real-life settings likely stems from limited data suggesting lower efficacy and higher toxicity. This minireview is a good example of a well summarized paper aiming to highlight current outcome measurements as it portends the elderly IBD patient, as well as summarize the available therapeutic strategies in view of a growing body of evidence.

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