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**Academic degree:** BSc,MSc

**Professional title:** Doctor

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting study involving a large database; the findings are interesting and a



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dose-response relationship between COPD and IBD was identified, further supporting the relationship was causation. however, I have several comments as below: 1. In the introduction section, it is necessary to highlight why the current work is mandatory and how this can add to the existing literature. based on current description, it seems the study is not novel because there has already been many such studies. 2. Is the database also record time-to-event data? for example, when a patient was diagnosed as having IBD? how did you extract data on the time of IBD diagnosis. this information is necessary for survival analysis. 3. are there any skewed data in the study? if so, I suggest to use median and IQR for these skewed data. especially in the method section, we need to describe how skewed data were expressed before we see the data. also suggest to cite a reference for the description (Ann Transl Med. 2016 Mar;4(5):91. doi: 10.21037/atm.2016.02.11.). 4. In the survival analysis, it is unclear whether COPD was used as baseline characteristics. actually, it is difficult to define the time 0 point from which the follow up begins. furthermore, the COPD severity can alterante between severe and mild, contributing to a time-varying covariate, specify how did you handle this problem? suggest to add a reference (Ann Transl Med. 2018 Apr;6(7):121. doi: 10.21037/atm.2018.02.12.) for the description and discussion if you want to include it as a limitation if further analysis cannot be done. 5. for selecting the control group, the authors used sex matched cohort, why not including more potential confounders and use propensity score matching since there is large sample size. PSA was a powerful tool for causal inference.

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Dear Authors, Congratulations for conducting such a good caliber study which left no



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room for improvement. I would just like to know if you are planning to combine it with prospective data collection and providing more robust level of evidence in future for association between the two diseases? Anyways, I would recommend to accept this study for publication.

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I read the manuscript titled "Risk of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Patients with



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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Nationwide, population-based study". Overall it is a globally good presented study with an interesting topic. Abstract was well described and clear. The study is well designed and conducted. Methods are well described and clear. Conclusions are justifiable and prudent enough. I have no additional recommendation.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This cross sectional study evaluated the risk IBD in patients with COPD compared to



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controls in a cohort of Korean population. The method of writing and the analysis method is very well. I recommend the respect authors to avoid duplication the data of tables and figures in the text (result section). There might to be association between the medications used for treatment of both conditions. Please mention this possibility as the future direction of upcoming researches. I want to emphasis that the association of anti TNF medications and COPD is a matter of debate.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is an interesting study about the risk of inflammatory bowel disease in patients with



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chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The study found that the incidences of IBD were significantly increased in COPD patients in South Korea and the risk of developing IBD also increased as the severity of COPD increased. However, I have several comments as below: The incidence rate of complications from lung injuries are rather high in UC patients. Some drugs for inflammatory bowel disease can also cause lung damage. How does the author think about this problem?

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Firstly - very large groups, both the patients with COPD and the control group



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(non-COPD). Secondly - an interesting conclusion. Thirdly - interesting results of statistical analysis.

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This manuscript is generally a well-performed retrospective population analysis, on



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incidence of IBD in COPD patients. It appears that the COPD group had higher incidences of IBD compared to non-COPD controls and the severity of COPD was associated with an increased risk of IBD. Obviously, the merit of this research is to be a population-based one, including millions of people. However, data from results were detected after just simple statistical analysis. The aim of the study was “to investigate the influence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) on the risk of IBD”. Well, this aspect was not clearly addressed. In what way COPD increased the risk of IBD? There was a discussion about hypoxia. However, nothing is mentioned about medication. What about other covariates? They are of paramount importance. Other than gender and age, none was included. The main weakness of this study is not taking into consideration other covariates. Authors just studied simple association. Which is not right. Minor comments: a. Introduction: 1. IBD is not divided into CD and UC. Actually, IBD-unclassified is included too. Authors did not mention anything about IBD-U. 2. Authors wrote “Thus, in the present study, we aimed to investigate the association between two diseases “ - please mention what two diseases, more precisely. b. Materials and Methods 1. What were the criteria for diagnosing UC and CD? References 19 and 20 used as criteria do not refer to them. 2. Why was IBD-U not included? c. Results 1. Baseline characteristics of study population:  $91.5 + 8.6 = >100$ . Please correct!

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