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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

While several previous studies reported an increased risk of developing inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in patients with COPD, these studies were conducted in Europe and Canada known to have a high prevalence of IBD. Therefore, it is not certain whether these studies would apply to entirely different populations in Asian countries. The authors made a compelling argument and pointed out that South Korea has a higher prevalence of COPD (15.5/1000 people diagnosed annually and that the incidence of IBD in South Korea has increased approximately 10-fold over the last two decades. The strengths of this paper are: a large study population, clinical importance, well-conducted, comprehensive discussion, and spelled out study limitations. The previous study on this topic, published in the WJG should be cited - Vutcovici M, Brassard P, Bitton A. Inflammatory bowel disease, and airway diseases. World J Gastroenterol. 2016 Sep 14;22(34):7735-41. doi: 10.3748/wjg.v22.i34.7735. The paper should be carefully check-spelled, e.g., "Previous wester



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studies" "n" is missing, and uniformly use either English or US-English spelling. The copy editor should take care of the latter. I am not sure why this paper was sent to seven reviewers; this seems excessive.