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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Catherine Le Berre et al and colleagues assessed differences of smoking perceptions in patients suffering from inflammatory bowel disease (CD vs. UC), with the aim to understand how these different smoker profiles perceived the impact of smoking on their inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). This is a large, European, multicenter survey of over 1000 IBD patients assessing the level of knowledge of patients with IBD regarding the impact of any type of nicotine-containing products. Investigators not surprisingly found significant differences between CD and UC patients in both awareness and perception of the impact of smoking on their disease. Furthermore, despite most CD patients were aware of a detrimental effect of smoking, and a large part of UC patients was aware of possible beneficial impact of smoking in their disease, authors encourage efforts to be done to motivate smoking cessation for all IBD patients because of the well-established beneficial effects of smoking cessation on general health. That said, investigators recommend additional studies are required if not mandatory to explore the safety and impact of the increasing use of alternative nicotine-containing products, like e-cigarettes. There isn't new findings in this reported study but I find it informative with some update educational value. The aims are stated clearly. The title is informative and relevant. The references are relevant and recent. The cited sources are referenced correctly. Appropriate and key studies are included. The introduction reveals what is already known about this topic. The research question and questionnaire items is clearly outlined. The study methods are valid and reliable. There are enough details provided and the data is presented in an appropriate way. Statistics and Tables are relevant and clearly presented. The conclusions answer the aim of the study. The conclusions are supported by references and own results.



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Introduction: The association of smoking with CD is not totally consistent. See for example: Reif et al. American Journal of Gastroenterology 95: 479-483, 2000. Methods: In which language was the questionnaire prepared? Who did the translations and cross-translations? Was there any procedure to confirm medical data supplied by the patients? Page 5: multiple categorial options, change to categorical. Results: How many patients refused to complete the questionnaire? Were some questionnaires completed only partially? If so, how was this handled? "performed any intestinal surgery" - better to say "has undergone surgery" "marijuana" Can this be equated with smoking nicotine? "Namely, 79.2% of smoking CD patients perceived their habit significantly of moderately worsened disease activity, while only 34.0% of smoking UC" This is poor English. "Among patients having ever smoked cigarettes, 31.7% did not discuss the effect of smoking on disease activity" This is not clear. Is it possible that the physicians did not raise the subject with their patients? Table 1. Participants' characteristics. It is preferable to separate all the data by diagnosis. Table 2 and Table 3. Why is Table 2 not showing CD and UC separately? Why not combine Tables 2 and 3? Discussion. Page 20: "It was quite surprisingly that the same result", should be surprising. "In the Nancy group" This term was not mentioned before, what is it? General comments: 1 It should be stated that there is growing evidence that e-cigarettes are detrimental to human health and that their use should be discouraged. 2 The authors may wish to state that cigarette smoking increases heath care costs in IBD considerably. See for example: Burisch et al. Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology. 2020



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This survey of IBD patients, assessed the knowledge of patients with IBD regarding the impact of any type of nicotine-containing products in both CD and UC. The study is of importance and interest. However, the following needs to be clarified: Methods 1. How were the patients chosen? Were the questionnaire sent to all patients with IBD on record? 2. How many countries were chosen. Explain the discrepancy in language - were more patients chosen from some countries? Results 1. Explain the large difference in the gender ratio. Table Recommend that the tables be shortened to reflect the most important data.



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The manuscript entitled "Patients' perspectives on smoking and inflammatory bowel disease: an online survey in collaboration with European Federation of Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis Associations (EFCCA)" is an observational European study assessing patients' perception on smoking. Main strengths of the study are the multi-countries responses and the relative large number of responses. The main issue of the survey is that it replicated the results of previous smaller studies; thus the novelty of the results is questionable. Main concerns, beyond novelty

1. How the translations of the questionnaire to the different languages have been assessed and validated
2. What was the response rate of the questionnaire? I understand that this is a difficult task but I propose the following to get an estimate:
 - a. The site administrator can measure the clicks of the form and this number will be the denominator.;
 - b. Calculate the number of the participating country societies' members and divide the number of your responses by this number
3. How did you secure GDPR issues

Minor concern

1. Abstract. Provide a structured form and delete the last sentence
2. Introduction. Please delete the 1st and the 4th paragraph; they do not add value in the manuscript
3. Table 1. How many subjects are included. Different numbers in the title (1050) age (796), other variables (798)
4. Delete table 2, since it overlaps with table 3.
5. Table 3 is too long. Please split it in more tables according to the assessed outcome
6. Figure 1 is not a figure. Name it supplemental document



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Authors successfully addressed my queries



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You have responded to this reviewer's concerns satisfactorily.