

1 Peer-review report

Reviewer #1: The authors submit an editorial commenting on the value of alternative approaches to the diagnosis of Crohn's disease (CD) when traditional tests, such as endoscopic biopsies, are not available. The topic is of interest because of the persisting challenge of making a correct diagnosis of CD in clinical practice. The proposed alternative approaches, mostly imaging modalities, are appropriate. However, some statement should be reconsidered and probably modified. For instance, to state that "The gold standard method for diagnosing CD is histopathology" is questionable because this is only true when classical non-caseating granulomas are found and fit in the overall clinical setting of the patient. Similarly, the statement that "Albumin, vitamin D, ASCA and stool analysis (which analysis?) are essential to raise the doubt of CD diagnosis" is also questionable because these tests are simply complementary and have limited value.

2 Editorial Office's comments

1) Science Editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes an editorial of the non-invasive diagnosis of Crohn's disease. The topic is within the scope of the WJG. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors reported an editorial commenting on the value of alternative approaches to the diagnosis of Crohn's disease (CD) when traditional tests, such as endoscopic biopsies, are not available. The topic is of interest because of the persisting challenge of making a correct diagnosis of CD in clinical practice. The proposed alternative approaches, mostly imaging modalities, are appropriate. However, some statement should be reconsidered and probably modified; and (3) Format: There is 1 table. A total of 12 references are cited, including 7 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors need to provide the signed Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form and Copyright License Agreement. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. The topic has not previously been published in the WJG. 5 Issues raised: (1) The "Author Contributions" section is missing. Please provide the author contributions; (2) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout; and (3) the reference's number cited in the text should be put in the square bracket. 6 Re-Review: Not required. 7 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for considering our manuscript for publication. These are the peer review and editor comments at World Journal of Gastroenterology, all of the comments were taken into consideration in the submitted manuscript at the World Journal of Met-analysis.

Highly Appreciated

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