

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The incidence and prevalence of IBD are on the rise worldwide, as is immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) therapy for cancer. The latter can not only lead to adverse events but also cause exacerbations of IBD. This is very important to consider when prescribing ICI therapy in patients with IBD. The study presented by the authors showed for the first time that the prevalence of IBD exacerbation following ICI was higher than reported ICI-associated colitis/diarrhea in general. ICI use was also associated with increased rates of IBD patient hospitalization. Despite the small sample size due to the rarity of such cases, the study is well executed and well described. The manuscript can be recommended for publication without revision.

RESPONSE: We thank Reviewer #1 for their assessment of our submission.

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(2) Company editor-in-chief: I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

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RESPONSE: We revised the submission accordingly:

- 1) We added an approved grant application form***
- 2) We have revised the references to include PMID and DOI numbers.***
- 3) We added Study Highlights***
- 4) We added the IRB approval form.***