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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Our congratulations to the authors for the initiative to propose a theme of difficult interpretation and decision in the world literature. The writing is pleasant reading and very rich in information on the proposed topic. We suggest minor tweaks to the title, purpose, and discussion and hope the article will be published.

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Even though being rare adenocarcinoma in the small bowel is a serious complication in patients suffering from Crohn's disease. For that reason it can be justified to discuss the condition based on a case story of relevance. However before the present manuscript can be recommended for publication changes have to be made. First of all it should be clarified throughout the manuscript whether the paper deals with adenocarcinoma in the small intestine complicating Crohn's disease or whether it deals with small intestinal adenocarcionomas in general. This is not obvious througout and much of the cited litterature does not deal with adenocarcinomas in Crohn's disease. This is a very important point since the condition should be dealt with differently in the two cases. I would suggest that the introduction and the discussion should focus only on adenocarcinomas in Crohn's disease as the case on which the paper is based deals with this matter. Not at least is this important since in the case of Crohn's the diagnostic



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challenges can be immense while there is only one solution in patients not suffering from Crohns disease should an obstructive matter occur in the small intestine namely surgery. Specific comments: History of past illness. It is somewhat shocking that the reason for not giving this severely ill Crohn's patient the correct treatment during her long disease course which would have been biologics was due to cost restraints ! It should be noted at least in the discussion that early treatment with biologics could have changed the course of the disease. Discussion: The incidence rates given is not the same as noted in the introduction. Which is correct ? It is stated that active surveillance for small bowel adenocarcinomas should be used i CD. Even though the condition is serious it is still rare in CD and no guidelines recommends surveillance. What is needed is the prompt use of relevant diagnostics when the suspicion arises in individual patients. It is noted that the actual patient did not fit into the typical demographics. I strongly disagree. The present patient had suffered from long lasting severe stricturing CD not treated optimally. She is a high risk patient. The sensitivities and specificities given for MRE and CT in the detection of malignant lesions do not apply to detection of these lesions in stricturing Crohn's disease. Multidisciplinary care: As previously noted I strongly disagree that the present patient is not by definition a risk patient for developing adenocarcionoma in the small bowel. Proposal of a novel algorithm: It is debateable whether DBE would be the method of choice if a suspicion of malignant transformation in a CD patient occurs. In such a patient there is a call for early surgery.