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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Israel has a high rate of Jewish immigration and a high prevalence of inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). In this nationwide study the authors aimed to compare IBD prevalence in first-generation immigrants versus Israel-born Jews. It is not an interesting manuscript. Authors cannot succeed to present their idea in a clear way adding information to the existing literature. What are the original findings of this manuscript? What are the new hypotheses that this study proposed?



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Manuscript ID: 88177 Manuscript Title: Inflammatory bowel diseases among First Generation Immigrants in Israel: a nation-wide epi-Israeli IBD Research Nucleus (epi-IIRN) study Journal: World Journal of Gastroenterology This study is novel and is very meaningful. And the manuscript is well organized. It is recommended that the authors address the following minor issues before this manuscript being accepted.

Abstract Section 1.L 47: Regarding “epi-IIRN cohort”, please provide original words of “epi-IIRN”. 2.L 52: Revise “p<0.001” to “p < 0.001”. Note italics and spaces please. 3.L 54: Revise “≥1990” to “≥ 1990”. Note space please. 4.L 54: Revise “p=0.043” to “p = 0.043”. Note italics and spaces please. 5.L 58: Revise “among non-immigrants prevalence was” to “non-immigrant prevalence was”. 6.L 64: Revise “Inflammatory bowel diseases, IBD” to “Inflammatory bowel diseases”. 7.L 64: Revise “environmental.” to “environment”.

Introduction Section 8.L 69: Regarding “vice versa (e.g. from the Faroe Islands to Denmark)”, “vice versa”? 9.L 72: Revise “hampering the ability to focus on the environmental effect” to “hampering attention to environmental effect”. 10.L 90: Revise “Israel affected” to “Israel affects”. Methods Section 11.L 116: Revise “1990-2001 and



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2002-2020" to "1990-2001, and 2002-2020". 12.L 129: Revise "Date of death" to "The date of death". Results Section 13.L 148: Revise "n=28" to "n = 28". Note spaces please. 14.L 153: Revise "are detailed" to "were detailed". 15.L 156: Regarding "USSR countries", please supplement original words of "USSR". 16.L 158: Revise "characteristics are displayed" to "characteristics were displayed". 17.L 161: Revise "are displayed as" to "were displayed as". 18.L 161: Regarding "Table 1", please revising to a three-wire table with two thick and one thin. 19."median (IQR)" on line 161 and "IQR interquartile range" on line 164? 20.L 164: Delete "IBD Inflammatory bowel diseases". 21.L 186-187: Move "Figure 1. IBD prevalence among Jewish Israel-born and first-generation immigrants on June 2020" to line 188.. 22.L 200: Revise "by duration of residence in Israel." to "by duration of residence in Israel". Discussion Section 23.L 234-235: "As in our study, most of these studies"? 24.L 252: Revise ", urbanization and" to ", urbanization, and". 25.L 252: Revise "Vangay et al" to "Vangay et al.". 26.L 257: Revise "Our study has" to "Our study had". 27.L 257-258: Revise "the immigrant versus" to "the immigrants versus". 28.L 261: Revise ", IBD type and" to ", IBD type, and". 29.L 176: Regarding "we did control for IBD risk at the country of origin", How does the authors control IBD risk at the country of origin? Conclusion Section 30.L 279: Revise "high prevalence rates of IBD" to "high prevalence rate of IBD".



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the manuscript entitled “Inflammatory bowel diseases among First Generation Immigrants in Israel: a nation-wide epi-Israeli IBD Research Nucleus (epi-IIRN) study”, the authors show that among immigrants to Israel the IBD prevalence increased with longer time since immigration, and was related to the risk of IBD in the origin country. The manuscript is well written and the findings of this study are of interest. Their appeal to the readership of this journal is a little bit limited to warrant publication. To overcome this limitation and make the article more persuasive, the authors need to demonstrate the following issue. [Minor points] Like Fig.2, please separate the bar charts in Fig.1 into UC and CD, respectively.



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I have a few comments on the manuscript – particularly the introduction section which needs to be improved and there is an error in the table that needs to be corrected.