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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The case of isolated histoplasmosis in a pediatric patient with Crohn's disease presented by the authors is of clinical importance. It is critical to rule out any infection, including fungal infection, in patients with IBD before starting immunosuppressive therapy. The case is well described and illustrated by the authors. The advantage of the manuscript is the Reports of histoplasmosis mimicking IBD in pediatric immunocompetent patients (Table 1) and the List of infectious diseases mimics of IBD that should be excluded in IBD patients (Table 2), which can be used in real clinical practice. Cited references are relevant, up-to-date, and without self-citation. The manuscript is certainly recommended for publication without any revision.

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The authors report a case of Gastrointestinal Histoplasmosis Complicating Pediatric Crohn's Disease. This case is rare and of value for reporting. There is one question that needs to be answered. The relevant signs were not obvious under HE staining. GMS and Periodic acid-Schiff stain is not a routine test at this time. Why would the authors prescribe such a test to the patient here? Does the patient have a history of relevant travel?