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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Title: accurately reflects the topic and contents of the paper. Abstract: is appropriate, structured, 369 words. Key words: 6 key words, precisely define the content of the paper. Core tip: is appropriate, 90 words. Introduction: 652 words, the reader is acquainted with known facts about Crohn's disease patients, complications and treatment. The purpose of the research is also clearly stated. The introduction could be shorter... Material and methods: 377 words, the description of the methodology is appropriately written. Results: 604 words, the results are appropriately presented, illustrated with tables and figures (Profile of the forty patients with Crohn's disease presenting at pre-treatment, Comparison of stricture outcomes in the thirty patients that returned for follow-up, Concomitant therapy of the thirty patients on AMAT that returned for follow-up; patients with strictures and after therapy). Discussion: 1188 words, the discussion/analysis presents studies published in recent past, which touch on Crohn's disease patients and various forms of treatment. The study presented is the first series where specific anti-atypical TB antibiotic therapy successfully opened CD strictures with results comparable with those of specific anti-typical TB therapy. The advantages and disadvantages of the research, as well as some bias are correctly written in the discussion. Conclusion: 77 words, authors conclude with with often written thought "our findings should be confirmed by further prospective studies of both ileal and colonic strictures, both with and without concomitant immunotherapy to determine the most successful combination." References (bibliography): 39, references from 1997 *Am J Gastroenterol* to 2020 *Microorganisms*, influential journals in this field (*Gastroenterology*, *Lancet*, *Am J Gastroenterol*...). Ethics of the study: The study was approved by the institutional ethics committee. Conflict of interest: specified. Opinion of the reviewer The manuscript is interesting, I suggest to accept the manuscript



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for publication with minor corrections. The authors should discuss/comment advantages and disadvantages when comparing the effectiveness of surgical or endoscopic methods of treatment compared to the described long-lasting therapy, which may be associated with side effects.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors followed the recommendations / comments and included them in the revised article. I suggest acceptance of the manuscript for publication.