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Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<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
Conclusion	<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
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In brief The study aimed to assess the roles of Buparlisib in regulation of PI3K-non-AKT signaling pathway via CAC-induced animal model. CAC model was induced in Balb/c mice with a combination of single azoxymethane injection and three cycles of 2.5% dextran sulfate sodium over the course of ten weeks. CAC-induced mice were subsequently treated orally with PI3K-inhibitor, Buparlisib (30mg/kg/daily) for 14 days. Disease activity index (DAI) was recorded for every two days. The harvested distal colon was stained with haematoxylin and eosin for histological analysis, followed by the immunohistochemistry examination of Ki67 and Cleaved-caspase-3 (CC3; ranging score 0-8) markers. Meanwhile, the proximal colon was processed for quantitative real-time PCR analysis on PDK1 and SGK2 gene. The DAI score was found significantly higher in CAC-induced mice, confirming the successful mice model ($P<0.05$). Buparlisib treatment significantly reduced the mean weight loss in CAC-induced mice ($2.0 \pm 0.0g$) as compared to the untreated CAC-group ($2.6 \pm 1.8g$) ($P<0.05$). Histologically, presence of tumor and moderate inflammation were observed in 50% of CAC-induced mice. Buparlisib-treated CAC-induced mice reduced the proliferative Ki67-positive cells by 5%



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and had high score of CC3-intensity and -positive cells (6/8). Moreover, Buparlisib treatment also depicted down-regulation trend of PDK1 and SGK2 expression in CAC-induced mice, however, there were not statistically significant as compared to the Buparlisib-untreated group. I believe the manuscript is well written. It would benefit from minor language polishing.

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The manuscript entitled "ROLES OF PI3K-INHIBITOR BUPARLISIB IN COLITIS-ASSOCIATED CANCER MICE MODEL" appears to be interesting, but there are many flaws and concerns on it. Study can be greatly improved if following suggestions were incorporated.

1. The title of the paper is not accurately expressed, and I think it needs to be rewritten.
2. The following reference may increase the reader's comprehension: Sheikholeslami A, Fazaeli H, Kalhor N, Khoshandam M, Eshagh Hoseini SJ, Sheykhasan M. Use of Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Crohn's Disease and Perianal Fistulas: A Narrative Review. *Curr Stem Cell Res Ther*. 2023;18(1):76-92. doi: 10.2174/1574888X16666210916145717. PMID: 34530720.
3. It is better to include the results of the inflammation gene expression analysis, including IL-6 and IL-8.
4. In order to make the paper more interesting to read, I suggested that the authors could add one graphical abstract to the manuscript.
5. I suggest including clear limitations of the study in the discussion.

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The PI3K/AKT pathway is involved in the pathogenesis of almost all gastrointestinal tumors, and is not a unique pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease-associated bowel cancer. Bupalisib has shown encouraging results in in vivo studies, and the conclusions reached in this study are no different from previous studies. Not much new overall. The mechanism of the down-regulation of PDK1 and SGK2 by Buparlisib needs further study.