

Dear Reviewer,

Thanks for your valuable feedback and comments

1. We have not added India in title as it may bias the reader. We still hypothesise that infection is most common cause of ileo-cecal ulcers worldwide;although a multicentric study is needed to confirm the hypothesis.
2. Many symptomatic patients on colonoscopy had lesions at sites other than ileo-cecal region.Etiology included were malignancies,diverticular disease and non-specific ulcers.
3. Betchet's disease and vasculitis are fortunately uncommon in India. So, in this study we had no Betchet's.As you rightly pointed out it may be due to Geographical variation.
4. Non-Specific ulcers means ulcers where etiology could not be defined either clinically,endoscopically or histologically.

Thank you

Sincerely yours

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