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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It has been proven that FC was the optimal fecal marker for monitoring disease activity in postoperative CD. FL offered modest sensitivity for detecting recurrent disease.¹ The author concluded that postoperative FC and FL levels accurately predicted endoscopic recurrence in the presence of anastomotic stricture. This is a very interesting study. Minor concern This manuscript demonstrated that 58 patients presented an anastomotic stricture and 86% were asymptomatic. My concern is that is it necessary to perform the endoscopic balloon dilation in these asymptomatic patients? When the colonoscopy could not pass the stricture, other small caliber endoscope may pass through. 1. Wright EK, Kamm MA, De Cruz P, et al. Comparison of Fecal Inflammatory Markers in Crohn's Disease. Inflamm Bowel Dis 2016;22:1086-94.



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The article is not novel but is interesting. Th major problem is that we do not know the drug history and Crohn's disease activity index of the patients . The message of the article would be if the CD is not in remission there is high risk of recurrence of stricture. This is not novel but has importance.