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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this paper entitled "Two-year delay in ulcerative colitis diagnosis is associated with anti-TNF α use", the authors evaluated the correlation between diagnosis delay and prognosis in ulcerative colitis (UC) patients. This is an interesting retrospective cohort



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study. A few comments are raised as follows. Major comments 1. One hundred sixty-seven cases were excluded from the analysis. Approximately one quarter of patients were excluded from analysis. This is a crucial bias. The authors should discuss in the limitations. 2. This study contains multiple analysis. These analysis seems to be multiple testing. Please discuss in the limitations. Minor comment In Table 2, 24 months row, total number of patients is different. Please check it.

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