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The highlight of this article is to update the prevalence of anal fistula in the UK and EU, especially to calculate the proportion of comorbidities, which is of the great reference value for future research. However, in Study population: “If a CD diagnosis occurred prior to, or up to 4 years after the anal fistula diagnosis, the patient was considered to



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have anal fistula with CD".What is the basis about "up to 4 years"? Is this standard too long? Because in another British literature< Natural history of anorectal sepsis[J]. Br J Surg, 2017, 104(13):1857. >, the longest time for CD diagnosis after anal fistula was only 20 months.

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