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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this review, Keith Sultan and colleagues performed a concise review on the association between IBD (including epidemiological features, outcomes, and management) and Covid-19. The paper is timely, and the choice to make a rapid summary is coherent with the fact that the current evidence is still on development. Anyway, there are some points that need to be better clarified. 1. Introduction: "While data has previously been mixed on the impact of IBD on non-gastrointestinal (GI) infectious disease risk, there is stronger evidence to support an increased risk of non-GI, opportunistic infections associated with IBD therapies" This sentence is unclear. Please re-formulate. 2. IBD and COVID-19 Clinical experience: Authors should discuss briefly whether IBD patients are at higher risk of developing Covid-19 also based on speculative basic data. In this regard, I suggest the following paper: Monteleone S. Are patients with inflammatory bowel disease at increased risk for Covid-19 infection? JCC 2020. 3. Authors should include the following relevant study, which was not published when the manuscript was written: Bezzio C, et al. Outcomes of COVID-19 in 79 patients with IBD in Italy: an IG-IBD study. Gut 2020. 4. "Nora et al" should be "Norsa et al" 5. Table 1 is unclear. What does "Sars-CoV-2 positive (non Covid-19)" mean? In the box "AGA", on the right, do you mean STOP instead of HOLD? The recommendation of BSG are different from those reported, because they distinguish three levels of risk (high, moderate or low). Please re-formulate.



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It is a well written review on a trending topic, but nothing more than many already published. Just a minor issue. References are difficult to follow while reading. Please fix that.