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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this study, the authors explored the clinical significance of latent EBV infection in IBD patients. This study is very well designed, and the findings are attractive. The authors described the methods in detail. The results are discussed well. Minor comments: 1. There are some minor language polishing which should be corrected. 2. The references should be numbered both in the main text and the references list according to the journal’s guideline. 3. Tables should be edited carefully.



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This is an interesting study of IBD and EBV. The research is well performed, and the results are very interesting. The reviewer recommends to accept this study after a minor editing.