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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This MS provides an excellent review discussing important aspects of Crohn's disease (CD), namely natural history and long-term course of the disease. Clinical features of CD are very heterogeneous and detecting the onset of the disease has been challenging. This review raises the need to elucidate the genetic, microbiologic and immunologic factors leading the disease, and then briefly describes the extent and localization, disease behavior, age-related phenotypes and clinicopathological correlations of CD. Points unravelled through this review are well addressed in organized fashion. However, to strengthen the MS, followings are to be addressed: 1. The abstract is too long and not well summarized. It needs to be revised. 2. More elaboration on the aspect of metastatic CD is needed. 3. More details, even using a table, on the age-dependent phenotypes and differences in immune-reactive characteristics of early and late-onset CD are required. 4. A description on "granulomatous inflammatory change" in page 9, line 10-12, is needed. 5. A summary at the end of "Disease behavior" section is needed. 6. Inconsistency in format of references