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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this retrospective study, titled “Assessment of disease activity by fecal immunochemical test in ulcerative colitis” authors aimed to evaluate the efficacy of quantitative fecal immunochemical test (FIT) as biomarker of disease activity in UC. This study shows that FIT was a reliable tool to identify the inflammation status of colonic mucosa in patients with UC. Fecal immunochemical test was compared to clinical activity and colonoscopic findings by using MAYO score or subscore in order to ascertain FIT affectivity. Despite using MAYO score to detect clinical activity in this study, CRP and sedimentation that are component of Truelove and Witts severity index is valuable tests to show activity in patients with UC. If the correlation between FIT and CRP and/or sedimentation could show in this study, that result contributed to our knowledge. After making that correlation, this study is acceptable.