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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Excellent if brief summary of environmental factors in IBD pathogenesis.

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There several issues in need of improvement. The more interesting data are probably those one related to diet (smoking, appendectomy , contraception etc is not novel). The relation to microbiome should be discussed in this context. Moreover, the discussion of poential dietary impacts is unbalanced. The manuscript needs to be proofread. Tables would help to ilustrate the main points

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Evangelia Legaki and Maria Gazouli reviewed the literature in respect to the environmental origins of inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). Unfortunately, their work is grammatically poorly presented, and is not inclusive (does not discuss several environmental factors, such as early antibiotic exposure, dietary diversity, heavy metals, as examples, which have been proposed as potential risk factors for IBD). They do not discuss the possible caveats of epidemiologic observations, which may mislead the interpretation of risk factors, such as appendectomy, for instance: Couldn't the appendectomy as a risk factor for CD within 5 years of surgery merely be a result of misdiagnosis (ileocecal presentation of CD, leading to the diagnosis of appendicitis and unnecessary surgery)? Similarly, they simply cite the literature for monozygotic twin discordance rates (here they even fail to mention that it is the discordance rates that they are discussing) in IBD, and state that the high discordance argues for the environmental origins of the disease group. In the meantime, aren't monozygotic twins who share their environment the most? Furthermore, the epigenetic chapter discusses select papers in unnecessary detail, while leaving many important articles within this field out. In conclusion, the



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review is poorly written, and is a mere conglomerate of select papers within this large topic without any novel insights/interpretations when compared to other similar, recently published reviews.

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The review of the literature is extensive and complete but the manuscript needs a lot of language polishing. Please check the whole manuscript and improve English language writing. Furthermore, Some more parts to revise: In page 7, "appendicitis provides a protective...., not appendectomy" In page 11, line 1: many siblings (instead of brothers). Also explain clearly what you mean by "theory of old friends". Rephrase the next sentence as well: another hygiene.... In page 13, last line, IBD patients in clinical remission who have sleep disorders... is better. In conclusion paragraph, the second sentence needs rephrasing.