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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Hello, It is obvious from the article that authors are having very clear fundamentals over this topic, along with that the simple though effective and clearly understood language doesn't allow anything to be misunderstood. Reviewing any subject in comprehensive manner is difficult task for authors, as they have to compile and present all the aspects of that particular subject in brief though without missing anything important, which is taken care of very well in this review. There are some things which would be like cherry on the cake in this review, for which following suggestions should be taken positively and I would like to review the revised manuscript very soon. 1. Writing needs proper use of spaces and comas, as many words are not separated with space in article. Reformatting by authors themselves will leave no scope of improvement further, so avoiding printing mistakes in final version. 2. Title is effective and to the point, but if authors feel that their review provides any new information or it is just the compilation of available information that should be mentioned, i.e. "Update on Medical and Surgical Options for Patients with Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis: What is new?" Though the final decision for changing or keeping the same title, is upon authors' discretion. 3.



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Mention the incidence of rectal sparing disease and management aspects which are different in its management. 4. Give some details on the diagnostic aspects of acute severe ulcerative colitis, like which investigations are must, which one must be avoided, pros and cons of different diagnostic modalities. 5. Specify if all parameters of Truelove and Witt's criteria need to be present to label it as severe acute attack or no? What are the criteria for toxic megacolon, clinical / radiological and biochemical? 6. Unit for ESR is not mentioned. 7. Thiopurine methyl transferase levels are suggested in investigation; mention whether it is to be done in acute setting or after some interval. 8. Mention the day of evaluation for Oxford criteria. 9. Mention dose and schedule of infliximab, side effects and implications of usage, other newer biologics. 10. Mention pros and cons of distal mucus fistula versus rectal stump closure, and feasibility of each approach, relation with indication for emergency surgery. 11. If possible give algorithm chart of management, or put some diagram or table.



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I would suggest adding to the two items: Solina G. et al."Current management of intestinal bowel disease: the role of surgery" Updates surg., 2016,and Seah D. De Cruz P."Review article: the practical management of acute severe ulcerative colitis" Aliment. Pharmacol. ther., 2016 43 (4): 482-513.