



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The abstract should better be structured and expanded to be able to stand alone regardless the article. A review of literature usually includes more references. Only 41 references is few for a review article. The figures should be cited by their source



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references.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This MS provides a clear and focused overview of the histological features of upper gut involvement in IBD SPECIFIC COMMENTS 1. There are certainly data to indicate that the inclusion of upper gut biopsies provides much more than "occasional" guidance in



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diagnosing IBD and in differentiating between CD and UC 2. IBDU was not mentioned in the sub-types of IBD 3. Although the presence of granulomata was mentioned, this came across as almost an after thought. it would be helpful to mention this more prominently - as the presence of granulomata would be helpful 4. The Figures have some arrows. It may be helpful to enhance these further to clearly highlight the key findings 5. Table 1 includes prevalence rates but no references 6. In more than 6 occasions referencing is incorrect. When giving an author name followed by et al, the reference should follow immediately after et al (and not at the end of the sentence) 7. There are some errors of English language that need correction

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

To: Editorial Board World Journal of Gastroenterology      Title: "Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Involvement of Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Pathological Review"

Dear Editor, I read this manuscript and I think that: - The influence of these conditions



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on cardiovascular system should be discussed. Please consider the paper from Gesualdo M et al. J Cardiovasc Med (Hagerstown). 2016 May;17(5):330-8. - The authors should include a table gathering the main findings from literature.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This review aimed to present the pathological lesions of the upper gastrointestinal tract in pediatric IBD. The content of the manuscript is generally of good quality and useful for the clinician. Pathologists should also benefit from this review, as it points out some



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important pitfalls. Data regarding oesophageal involvement, focally enhanced gastritis and duodenitis are well presented, mentioning the pertinent references. Figures are illustrative and of high quality. MAJOR COMMENTS: 1. Abstract: a.IBD-Unclassified it is not mentioned at all. Pathological lesions are used to classify IBD subtypes in children with IBD. This review should consider the paper by “Liron Birimberg-Schwartz, et al; on behalf of the Pediatric IBD Porto group of ESPGHAN: Development and Validation of Diagnostic Criteria for IBD Subtypes Including IBD unclassified in Children: a Multicentre Study. Journal of Crohn's and Colitis 2017”. 1.b. Abstract should clearly present pathological features encountered in pediatric IBD. 1.c. Non-caseating epithelioid granuloma should be emphasized more, not just briefly mentioned in the end of the abstract, as it has great diagnostic value. 1.d. There are English errors (grammar and spelling), as throughout the paper, which should be corrected. 2. Key-words: “non-caseating granuloma” is not included. 3. Introduction 3.a. IBD-U should be included (please see above). 3.b. Paragraph about epidemiology used very old references. There are very recent ones and they should be used, including the paper published in the World journal of gastroenterology: Sýkora J, et al. Current global trends in the incidence of pediatric-onset inflammatory bowel disease. WJG 2018 (other suggestions: Benchimol EI, et al. Trends in Epidemiology of Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Canada: Distributed Network Analysis of Multiple Population-Based Provincial Health Administrative Databases. Am J Gastroenterol. 2017; Saeed SA and Kugathasan S. Epidemiology of Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease 2017). 4. Some references are strangely cited – as a group, instead of mentioning the authors (i.e. ref. 5, 7 , 13, 14) 5. Table 1: references used should be mentioned; prevalence and description of non-caseating granuloma should be inserted, as well as its role in contributing to the final diagnosis of CD (References de Bie C, et al. IBD 2012; Kovacs M, et al. JCC 2012; de Bie C, et al. JPGN 2012; Paerregaard A. IBD 2009). Also,



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other pathological conditions showing non-caseating granuloma should be mentioned in the Table, including chronic granulomatous disease, emphasizing the importance of differential diagnosis. 6. Conflict-of-interest statement is missing. 7. The required format is not respected.

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