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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Mainly well written review, appropriate statistical methods, the only limitation is that there were multiple reviews on this topic in the last some years, thus novelty is relatively limited.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review about the role of the pre-operative use of anti-TNF-alpha therapy that may increase risk of post-operative infectious complications after surgery for CD and in particular wound related infections. This review covers what it promises to. The authors do a solid job of searching PubMed, Medline and Embase databases to identify studies comparing post-operative outcomes in CD patients receiving biological therapy and those who did not. Along with the addition of a meta-analysis with a random-effects model to calculate pooled odds ratios (OR) and confidence intervals (CI) for each outcome measure of interest, the authors provide a good resource for readers who are more unfamiliar with the method but also provide detail. This review contains abundant figures, which are helpful and add quality and clarity. This review would be a good addition to the journal. Minor comments: 1. Tables and figures should be given with legends, so the readers can easily understand. 2. A brief introduction of anti-TNF-alpha therapy in CD patients is needed.