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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A nice study documenting an association between APoE polymorhisms and IBD from Saudi Arabia. It confirms preliminary data from China that APoE polymorhisms constitute a greater risk for IBD albeit a small one. The authors should suggest the overall relative risk of development of IBD with one or more polymorphism(s) of APoE genes. Their data suggests similar association between APoE polymorhisms and ulcerative colitis as well as Crohn's disese except for frequency of allele ε3/ε4 was significantly higher in UC patients but not in CD patients . how do the authors explain this observation. Do the authors have data on other autoimmune diseases in their IBD patients? The Apoe polymorhisms have been documented with a host of illnesses including autoimmune diseases and such varied illnesses as Alzeimer's disease and psychiatric illnesses. The authors could elaborate a bit more on the possible role of APoE polymorphisms in IBD. The authors mention that Crohn's disease was classified as per Montreal classification but they did not describe their results as per phenotypes of this classification. Similarly a comment on association of APoE polymorhisms with disease severity and treatment response could be given. I think there are far too many references which could be shortened.There are a few mistakes in some references eg ref 40. Some of the tables could be better represented as bar diagrams.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this article the Authors studied the association between APoE polimorphism and IBD in a Saudi Arabia population. The paper is well-written, and I think interesting for the Readers of WJG.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors presented genetic association of APOE polymorphisms with UC and CD. Although the case number is small, they described the results well and showed some new findings like association with CD. If the authors could add some additional results, like association with clinical phenotype, severity and prognosis, it would be helpful to improve the quality of manuscript.