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Very interesting paper. RCT are usually registered in open database, such as clinical trials.gov Considering that this paper employs patients from the Anticipate study, it is desirable that the authors give the registration number of the main trial.



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the authors should revise their paper with special attention to the following remarks 1o why the study has not had an estimation of sample size required to check the principal endpoint ? 2o.- Are the authors sure this a case control study ? I am not complete sure of this study could be classified "as a case-control study of a sub-group of patients recruited from both arms". I would recommend to change that label for "a descriptive study of a sub-group" 3o I would recommend to change In the second paragraph the sentence , adding the following words : " the present study does provide unique data on cytokine profiles in patients with chronic advanced pancreatitis at their end disease stage receiving antioxidant therapy and in a matched cohort receiving placebo and provides negative results which should be regarded as important pilot data. 4o It would be important to point out the results of this study concerned to chronic pancreatitis evolved at the end stage of the disease , so we can't draw conclusions about the role of the measured cytokines and inflammation in early stages of the disease .However, it is clear there is no differences between patients treated or not .Therefore the final statement in the discussion may be not true " The study also demonstrates that in patients with CP, with opiate-dependent abdominal pain, circulating cytokine levels are low suggesting that pain in this disease is not simply a manifestation of inflammation." I would recommend to change it by " circulating cytokine levels are low suggesting that pain in this disease is not simply a manifestation of ongoing inflammation. It could be the result of the inflammation tissue damage caused long time ago