

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Challenges and opportunities in the treatment of ulcerative colitis

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is missing of the newer drugs in the treatment of ulcerative colitis and, in addition, does not improve the old knowledge on the subject. Therefore, the manuscript should be rejected

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Manuscript submitted sufficiently complete reflect possible pharmacotherapeutic approaches to treat ulcerative colitis. What is missing and should be completed is what would be the possible side effects after herbal medicines usage regardless of the few controlled clinical data.

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The authors summarize 31 different medicinal plants used for the treatment of ulcerative colitis (UC), but do not demonstrate the effect of these plants on UC in double blind studies. They postulate, that synthetic drugs (5-ASA, Corticosteroids, Immunomodulators, etc.) are associated with many disadvantages, therefore therapy with medicinal plants is an "effective and safe" alternative drug treatment. But the "Ulcerative Colitis Practice Guidelines in Adults, American College of Gastroenterology (2010)" do not say a word about medicinal plants in UC therapy and the Guidelines of "Deutsche Gesellschaft für Verdauungs- und Stoffwechsel-krankheiten, 2011" recommend only *Plantago ovata* for remission maintenance therapy and Curcumin (*curcuma longa*) complementary with 5-ASA for remission maintenance. Other alternative methods were not recommended, because only insufficient data are available in these studies. Alternative and complementary treatment options were not recommended in acute or severe ulcerative colitis.

Unfortunately the authors only characterize briefly the plants and their pharmacological effect, but they do not evaluate and rank their therapeutic value.

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I believe the manuscript is well revised and suitable for publication. Congratulation, authors.