

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

While the disease phenotype and treatment characteristics were not significantly different from that reported in the other Italian and European cohorts, this work is well done. I appreciate the efforts put into this by the Author and co-authors of this publication. It was an exciting read. In addition to the extra work done by the authors and co-authors, I would like to suggest some changes needed. These changes will not affect the scientific interpretation of your results. But needs to be done before publishing. While I understand that this paper was written by those whose original language was not in English, I have highlighted in pdf some minor spelling mistakes, omission of some phrases, and possible spots where the phrases used might be changed to a synonym without changing their meaning. For instance, hemicolectomy was mistakenly spelled as emicolectomy (in the manuscripts and table drawn), inflammatory as inflammatoy. I have highlighted all of them in yellow and will upload them. Also, some articles like a,the or prepositions were omitted in haste. I have highlighted those places and I will upload the pdf. As I have said this will not affect the scientific result but would be good if the changes were made before final publishing .

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors conducted multicenter, retrospective, observational study to reveal clinical and epidemiological features of adult patients diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in Sardinia, Italy. They analyzed 442 patients with UC. The main findings were phenotype, treatment, surgery rate and cancer incidence. According to their results, they concluded that this study provided important insights on the clinical and epidemiological features of patients with UC and represent eligible data of UC population in Sardinia. This study may certainly be useful data in Italy. However, many epidemiological studies, treatment results and carcinogenesis studies have already been conducted all over the world. The following additional investigations are required for this research to have its own value in Sardinia. Comments) (1) The number of patients is small as an epidemiological survey. (2) Survey contents should include race, genetic examination, smoking, drinking, education, etc. (3) Was this study performed in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki? Was the opt-out performed properly based on the ethical guidelines for observational studies? Please describe these firmly. (4) The methods should be described separately for each item. (5) There are many misspellings of words, so proofreading is required.

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Conflicts-of-Interest: [] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is awesome and the effort of the authors are commendable. It is also of note that the writers ain't native english speakers, nonetheless the work is superb. I would only recommend that the authors engage native english speakers and writers to assist in a few re-wording , re-phrasing and spelling checks e.g inflamatoy(instead of inflammatory etc). Furthermore , we all know that no article is error-proof but the lesser the errors are; the smoother the flows. I would have loved to offer this help, however I have a full plate at the moment.

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