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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

- "This section described the process of data acquisition, the inclusion and exclusion



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criteria and the statistical approach used to analyze the data generated," Delete this sentence - "Publications were explored from the Chinese periodical database SinoMed" PubMed is the broadly accepted database: write if the articles published by Chinese researchers of PubMed appear in SinoMed too - Write the strings you used to search - "4,641 papers met the requirements of evidence-based articles" How did you precisely define these requirements? - "Chinese Journal of Coloproctology", "World Chinese Journal of Digestology", "World Chinese Journal of Digestology" etc. are not on PubMed: you have to focus your research on journals indexed on PubMed

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This manuscript in aiming to describe distribution characteristic of literatures for



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ulcerative colitis in China. The aim is interesting but methodology seems to be insufficient for international journal level. 1, Literatures written in Chinese should be excluded from the analysis or be analyzed separately because international scientific journal cannot read these articles as usual. 2, Evidence levels of literatures should be divided according to the Oxford (UK) CEBM Levels of Evidence published its guidelines published in 2009: 1a: Systematic reviews (with homogeneity) of randomized controlled trials 1b: Individual randomized controlled trials (with narrow confidence interval) 1c: All or none randomized controlled trials 2a: Systematic reviews (with homogeneity) of cohort studies 2b: Individual cohort study or low quality randomized controlled trials 2c: "Outcomes" Research; ecological studies 3a: Systematic review (with homogeneity) of case-control studies 3b: Individual case-control study 4: Case series (and poor quality cohort and case-control studies) 5: Expert opinion without explicit critical appraisal, or based on physiology, bench research or "first principles" 3, Descriptions "Evidence based study" or publication to "core journal" is very obscure in page 7. These description should be written in methodology section and definition of core journal is needed. 4, Name of authors and region of Chinese country is not interesting for international journal readers. If these issues are mandatory author should choose submission to other domestic journals.

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This is an interesting report presenting a bibliometric analysis Chinese research into



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Ulcerative Colitis from 1978 to 2017 Comments 1. From the medical and clinical point of view this article is lacking important information comparing directly an increase in UC incidence in China and the number of publications, as well as exponential growth of medical publications. Without such analyses the article has only limited value. 2. The authors should elaborate more on the bibliometric analysis definition, description and analysis and perhaps also comment on scientometric analysis. 3. An important and relevant paper: Azer SA, Azer S. What can we learn from top-cited articles in inflammatory bowel disease? A bibliometric analysis and assessment of the level of evidence. *BMJ Open*. 2018 Jul 12;8(7):e021233. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2017-021233.PMID: 30002009 Free PMC Article, should be cited and discussed.

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