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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors submit an editorial commenting on the value of alternative approaches to the diagnosis of Crohn's disease (CD) when traditional tests, such as endoscopic biopsies, are not available. The topic is of interest because of the persisting challenge of making a correct diagnosis of CD in clinical practice. The proposed alternative approaches, mostly imaging modalities, are appropriate. However, some statement should be reconsidered and probably modified. For instance, to state that "The gold standard method for diagnosing CD is histopathology" is questionable because this is only true when classical non-caseating granulomas are found and fit in the overall clinical setting of the patient. Similarly, the statement that "Albumin, vitamin D, ASCA and stool analysis (which analysis?) are essential to raise the doubt of CD diagnosis" is also questionable because these tests are simply complementary and have limited value.