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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The biologic therapy with Infliximab is one of the most efficient treatment of UC. In that study authors analyzed the role of IFX in reducing the colectomy rate, risk of post-operative morbidity and cost-effectiveness of IFX therapy. The subject of paper is not new, but still actual, according to more possibilities connecting with biological therapy in more medical centres.



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The manuscript by Rizzo et al, provides a comprehensive systematic review on the impact of biologics for the treatment of ulcerative colitis. The authors made a great effort in consolidating the information available up to date, and generating a good overview on how biologics may be considered as a cost-effective strategy for management of moderate to severe UC conditions. The authors provide a well balanced discussion of the findings from their meta analysis, and properly evaluate the limitations of their work in relation to the limitations of the initial clinical studies where information was published. I recommend this document for consideration for publication in the journal.