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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

While acknowledging major differences in design and methodology between the current study and the one randomized cohort trial, the authors conclude "Our findings expand upon a growing body of literature suggesting that the effectiveness of thiopurines in routine clinical practice for pediatric CD is lower than initially described." They do not acknowledge that a major difference, between the studies and weakness of the current study is the fact that the current study does not utilize an inception cohort. More appropriate wording would be "lower than might have been predicted from the RCT."



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This is a relevant topic for these authors to have reviewed. They are forthcoming with the potential variables that may weigh on the interpretation of their conclusions. This speaks to the importance of the next step being more than PGA assessment as well as their conclusion that adequate dosing of utilized medications need to be a priority. Moreover, ideally this will promote larger multi-institutional evaluation/clinical studies for the efficacy of immunomodulator therapy in the treatment of Crohn's disease. With a larger study, one could also further explore if disease location is a factor for remission with immunomodulator tx(upper tract vs ileocolonic/colonic disease). The numbers are indeed small, but not outside of previous published literature for this subject matter. Fair number of abbreviations. For clarity, within results section of abstract would introduce abbreviation for steroid-free remission (SFR).