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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study investigated the influence of thiopurines and biologic drugs on the presence of bacterial overgrowth. Major comments 1. The authors refer only to patients' symptoms related to BO and there is no information given about the long-term outcome of their CD related to BO. Were there any clinical consequences of BO on the course of their disease such as flares, adverse events, etc.? 2. How was the BO treated? Did the authors use antibiotics such as rifaximin, metronidazole or ciprofloxacin? Were the symptoms of BO cured? 3. There are no data given regarding the possible biological consequences of BO. Where there any differences in the levels of albumin, Fe, Mg, Ca, etc. between patients with and without BO? Minor comments 1. The p values in tables 2 and 3 must be given in numbers.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors In this manuscript "Bacterial overgrowth in inactive Crohn's disease. Influence of thiopurine and biologic treatment", the team of Dr. Sánchez-Montes studied the state of bacterial overgrowth on the different treatment. The authors should pay attentions to some comments as follows: 1. The authors should clarified the inclusion and exclusion criteria of the patients in the study. 2. The subtitle "Result of the breath test was assessed as positive or negative." needs modification. CLASSIFICATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT Comments :the manuscript is classified into Grade C. LANGUAGE EVALUATION Comments : Grade C: a great deal of language polishing Best regards,

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

To the authors, I read with interest your manuscript as there are few studies in the literature regarding small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO). However, I have several concerns (listed below) about your manuscript and corrections should be made before being accepted for publication. Throughout the text there are many grammatical and spelling errors that must be corrected. I suggest you should seek a copyediting service provided by professional English language editing company (see "Policy on manuscript submitted by non-native speakers of English"). Better English writing will make your article more clearly for the readers.

1. Title page: thiopurine or thiopurines?; treatment or treatments? I suggest: "Small bowel bacterial overgrowth: influence of..." (it is only a suggestion)

Running title is OK

2. Abstract.

a) Aim: biologic (not biologics) drugs (agents). This mistake is throughout the text; please, make corrections. Please, add: in patients with inactive Crohn's disease

b) Methods: please, re-write the first phrase, delete all variable, and make clear that patients with inactive CD were prospectively evaluated for OB (SIBO) with Hydrogen Glucose Breath Test (HGBT)

c) Results: please, shorten this paragraph and make it clear to keep the readers' attention.

d) Conclusion: "Immunosuppressant ...(see the title and aim!) biologic, not biologics!

3. Core tip: should be re-written: -Second phrase: "acquiring infections"-should be included in first phrase. -Third phrase: please, delete it, as there are such studies! -Last phrase: is confused: please, make English much better.

Introduction: General: many grammar and spelling wishes (e.g., "put it at", "contracting infections" etc.) First paragraph should be deleted Second paragraph: please, use hydrogen glucose breath test and abbreviation HGBT throughout the text. Last paragraph: please,

delete “based on the above” Methods: This section should be rewritten. -Please, mention the name of your hospital and months of the year (e.g. January 2004 to October 2010) -You should clearly define inclusion and exclusion criteria -Second paragraph, last phrase: please, delete “At stated in several papers” -Last paragraph is Statistical analysis Ethical: please, mention if the patients gave a written consent Results: delete the first phrase, and just mention that the baseline characteristics of the patients are summarized in Table 1. -again, make a better English, otherwise the presentation of results is rather confuse -please specify number of patients on azathioprine and 6-mercaptopurine -last paragraph, first line: the instead of that Discussion: This section should be re-written -First paragraph, 3rd phrase: “Nevertheless, there are no studies...” is in contradiction with “other published studies”! Please, clarify. -Please, delete “In any case” (page 9, last lines) and “In this sense..” (page 10, second paragraph) Figures: Figure 1 (is it the figure 2?). Bacterial overgrowth. It is useless and should be deleted. Finally, both in text and Fig. 1 you used the word “swelling”. Do you mean abdominal distension? +