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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a letter to the Editor regarding a recent study published in the WJG, which analyses the used of procalcitonin in acute severe colitis. The major critique of the paper by Koido et al is that insufficient means have been taken to rule out infective causes/co-occurrence in IBD patients. The authors do not suggest an alternative technique(s) to check for infection that the authors could have employed. The letter is too long, and presents basic facts such as UC being a chronic relapsing conditions and admission rates, which are likely to be known already by readers of this journal and could be omitted. The sentence "Most of these restricted studies have demonstrated that PCT has no significant associations with autoimmune disorders." does not make sense to me and should be reworded.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Letter to the Editor has been written about clinical significance of serum procalcitonin in patients with ulcerative colitis, which was published in the WJG recently. Authors seek attention to opportunistic infection during the course of the ulcerative colitis that affects the procalcitonin levels. This letter could be accepted as it includes useful information. However it would have been better, if they had asked a question to Shigeo Koido et al. "What was the level of the procalcitonin in the remission phase?".



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The Letter is relevant and addresses the contradiction presented by the use of Procalcitonin (PCT) in differentiating inflammation from infection. As the prevalence of the clostridium difficile infection increased in patients with ulcerative colitis, this infection can simulate the disease activity. Another suggestion is to compare fecal calprotectin with PCT as markers of activity, keeping in mind that the use of PCT is promising, but has some limitations, as I already said. The Letter deserves publication.