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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article reports analysis on trends of publications in the field of inflammatory bowel disease over a 19 years time frame. While the authors describe a significant increase in most of the publications type but guidelines, it is not clear to this reviewer whether appropriate controls are used to support the discussion. Are the increases described for inflammatory bowel disease different from other medical topics? The lack of published guidelines is peculiar of inflammatory bowel disease or is common to other medical fields? The paper may be improved by addition of these analysis and considerations. Minor points: - a bracket is missing on RCT results from adult patients; - changes in editorials on pediatric is listed as non significant but p-value is 0.04?



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It is a well written and concise analysis over the trends in IBD. Since IBD became a hot topic the number of publications(good or bad) is naturally increasing. However I do not agree that the number of guidelines is small. I believe that the savant societies should periodically release guidelines on general and specific topics based on changes of the current knowledge. For example ECCO updated the guidelines every two years, changed their structure and released new ones on specific topic. I also think that different national societies released their guidelines and sometimes the evolution in the knowledge although is reflected is many publications does not necessarily imply a change in guidelines. So I will change this conclusion; I will keep the recommendation of closer collaboration between experts and experts societies.



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In this paper Weinraub et al analyzed whether temporal changes occurred in pediatric versus adult IBD literature, both in terms of number and type of yearly published paper. This paper is well written and the content of the paper is interesting. However, the authors should address the following points. Major 1. It is interesting that the number of clinical trials, RCT, and metaanalysis especially increased. However, it is unclear what kind of papers (i.e., clinical trial for biological therapy, etc.) in each category increased. The authors should show it in the paper. Minor 1. In the section of Results, the authors described "There was a significant increase in reviews recorded, from approximately 34 pediatric articles/year in 1993 to 67 in 2011 (i.e, approximately a 1.4 fold increased, R2 =0.69, p=0.001), and from 57 adult articles/year in 1993 to 79 in 2011 (approximately a 3 fold increased, R2 =0.42, p=0.003)." (p6, line 6-9) I think that "1.4" and "3" should be corrected as "2" and "1.4", respectively.