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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Gao and co-authors present their work comprising a meta-analysis of seven case-controlled studies evaluating polymorphisms in the Interleukin (IL)- 18 gene in the context of Crohn disease (CD). Specific Comments: 1. The wording of the title could be enhanced. 2. Line four on page 3 of the MS details that 400000-600000 people have CD. Is this in China? Worldwide? This seems a very small number for the latter. This needs specific details. 3. IL-18 was discovered and delineated more than ten years ago - not recently. 4. In line 4, paragraph 2 of the INTRODUCTION, the word pathway should be amended. This should be elaborated to indicate one specific pathway, or should read pathways. 5. There are other errors of English that also need correction 6. In line 5, para 2 of the INTRODUCTION, the word etc should be deleted. 7. The abbreviation CD could be used after the term is first explained 8. The second-last sentence on page 7 (DISCUSSION) does not make sense and needs to be corrected. 9. The last sentence on page 7 (DISCUSSION) repeats statement made a little earlier 10. Acknowledgements would not usually include the reviewers 11. Figure 2 is quite interesting. However, it doesn't have direct relevance to this meta-analysis and could be excluded (especially if space is limited) 12. The term used in Figure six for the name of these plots needs to be corrected. It is listed as Beggs and Beggers. 13. The Table legends could be more descriptive