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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting, though negative paper. It investigates a novel potentially interesting therapeutic area. Comments; 1. Methodology is partly appropriate it is not clear why authors only studied ip administration but not intravenous therapy. This should be done and it would be interesting to study the outcomes in a Crohn animal model. 2. In addition, this is an "acute colitis" model, and results may not be generalizable to other, e.g. chronic colitis models. Authors should consider repeating the experiments at least in another colitis model. 3. Authors should add animal numbers for each assessment/Figures/subgroup 4. The paper is too long; results should be more focused and compact, delete duplicate information presented also as Figures, additionally, some figures should be also omitted.