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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting well written original research article on an often neglected topic in IBD patients. I have some minor comments, mainly regarding the study population - 157 IBD patients were included but it is not stated in the article how this number was reached, how many patients were screened and how? Is this a random sample of the total IBD population followed at this hospital? - Is it known why the UC population is significantly older and has significantly more severe disease? - I am a bit surprised by the high percentage of UC patients' that had previous abdominal surgery, especially since only 4% of patients has a pouch. I would explain this in the introduction as well. "Our findings suggest that downstream public health intervention that focus on patients' resilience may reduce the level of perceived stigma and consequently the patients' QoL. " I would advice to rephrase this sentence, I think the authors mean a health intervention will increase the patients' QoL and not reduce it. - Will the scales itself be included in the final article?

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In the original article of Cococcia et al. the authors aimed to validate an Italian translation of the IBD perceived stigma scale (PSS) in relation to patients' resilience. Since there are very limited data regarding perceived stigma in IBD, and no validated translation of the PSS scale into Italian is available, moreover, perceived stigma in Italian IBD patients has never been assessed the study is of great clinical importance. The validation process of the original PSS score is well designed and well presented, the involved patients' characteristics are representative regarding the main aims of the study. Also, to fit the translated questionnaire according to cultural features is also an important step. They found a moderate level of resilience in their cohort, also they shown for the first time that, in IBD patients, higher levels of resilience correlate with lower levels of perceived stigma and, to better QoL. The discussion is correct, their results, the boundaries of the study, are discussed appropriately and moderately. Minor comment: I suggest to include the original and Italian translation of the PSS scale into the manuscript as a supplemental data. After this minor correction, I definitly suggest to accept the manuscript for publication in WJG.