

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: NOD2 mutations and colorectal cancer – Where do we stand?

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Reviewer's country: Israel

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This invited review is very well composed. I indeed recommend accepting it for publication as is.

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The whole manuscript is too long and point of the study is not clear. I think the first half mentioned molecular role of NOD2 gene could be a little bit tedious (too many possible explanations) and should be more concise. I would prefer to know more about practical application in the treatment of IBD and CRC.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, I have read the manuscript with interest. Hypothesis of existence of NOD2 polymorphisms might be possible in sporadic cases of cancer arising in the inflammatory conditions. But there is no definitive convincing evidence in the literature. This phenomenon might be a paradox until proven otherwise with an adequate randomized case controlled study in Colorectal cancer. Recent meta analysis results of Liu J 2014 quoted in table 2 are inconclusive as there is a gross heterogeneity of the included studies. After going through studies included in table 1 I would like to suggest to assess the quality of the included studies and a pooled analysis if they can be pooled. Graphical representation would also be a better option if the studies can be pooled. Best wishes.