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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a an important study investigating the risk factors for GIM development in African American-predominant population, However in the methods section some points hadn't been clarified: Comment 1: What were the exclusion and inclusion criteria? There is no flowchart demonstrating how the final cohort has been determined? In which year the study had begun? Included patients with at least 1 gastroscopy during 2015-2020 but when the first or other gastroscopies had been performed? Comment 2: There is no detailing regarding the type of GIM. I guess there were patients with LGD GIM, HGD GIM. Why these parameters are not included in the risk analysis model? Comment 3: Regarding drug treatment, there is no information about the Aspirin dose and, and there is no information regarding the PPI usage - which PPI's? and what were the doses? Comment 4: Regarding H.pylori infection status. What is the explanation for the fact that at the beginning of the study 86.2% of the patients had H.pylori and at the end of follow-up 92.6% were positive for H.pylori? H.pylori infection usually happens in childhood, so I don't see reasonable explanation for new infection during the study follow-up.

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At first, here's a small tip for you that 'H. pylori' might be italic because it is a name of bacterium. Then, have you thought about analyze the subtype of gastritis in patients as H. pylori status is much more related to B type gastritis. Third, you could discuss the effect of GIM degree in gastritis and race distribution.