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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an important study, trying to differentiate the risks for developing active CMV in patients with UC. The findings are, however, not very novel.



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An interesting article dealing with clinically relevant subject of risk factors in ulcerative colitis. There is a solid number of patients and good experimental and clinical design. Data are good and discussion is a good representation of the problem. The only part which needs some improvement are the references. Sometimes (like in Introduction, "Powell et al. reported only reference #8 is authored by Powell, ref. #9 is written by other authors. It would be beneficial to check again all references.



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This study was mainly focused on exploring the risk factors and special features of cytomegalovirus (CMV)-associated ulcerative colitis (UC), expecting to provide some evidence for application of antiviral therapy. It's found in this study that a total corticosteroid dose (> 400 mg for four weeks) and extensive colitis (pancolitis) should be the risk factors of CMV-associated colitis in patients with active ulcerative colitis and punched-out ulcer beneficial to its rapid diagnosis. However, some published reports had provided different opinions. Yi's (PMID: 23374225) study showed that corticosteroid use wasn't the risk factor of CMV-associated UC and Lida's (PMID: 23619714) research indicated that punched-out ulcer wasn't the meaningful specific colonoscopic feature by multivariate analysis. It's rather confusing and the authors are expected to give a proper explanation. If this controversial problem is resolved, results of this study will contribute to the rapid diagnosis and improvement of treatment of CMV-associated UC.