

Reviewer #1:

1. Please provide the specific time period of literature search, and literature cited needs to be updated given the rapidly evolving understanding about COVID-19.

Answer: Specific time period of data search and search engines are provided in the introduction section. Data is updated throughout manuscript in the highlighted section

2. Introduction needs to shorten focusing only on IBD in the context of COVID-19.

Answer: Introduction is shortened and concise focusing on COVID19 in IBD patients.

3. Authors have suggested steroid tapering in Covid-19 positive patients in both mild and severe Covid status and switching over to Budesonide. As there is role of steroids in severe COVID-19 also, it seems logical to start parenteral steroid instead of topical which can be useful for both the conditions. Any comment on this.

Answer: Utility of corticosteroids in mild and severe forms of COVID-19 infection in IBD patients provided with relevant references in the highlighted section.

4. Figures are altered, need proper formatting.

Answer: Figure and tables are formatted properly