

Reviewer ID: 3646542

Major comments: I find the “Does advanced imaging modalities predict relapse:” section and “Conclusion” section to be a bit short.

We thank the reviewer for the valuable comment. We have incorporated changes as per the recommendations and expanded the sections. I hope the readers find this improved version informative.

How is the study selection performed? Did you consider mentioning other studies about advanced endoscopy, such as: Karstensen JG et al. Confocal laser endomicroscopy in ulcerative colitis: a longitudinal study of endomicroscopic changes and response to medical therapy (with videos). *Gastrointest Endosc.* 2016 Mar 2. pii: S0016-5107(16)00222-4 Buda A et al. Confocal laser endomicroscopy for prediction of disease relapse in ulcerative colitis: a pilot study. *J Crohns Colitis.* 2014 Apr;8(4):304-11 Li CQ et al. Use of confocal laser endomicroscopy to predict relapse of ulcerative colitis. *BMC Gastroenterol.* 2014 Mar 11;14:45.

We would like to thank the reviewer immensely for suggesting the references. However we would like to point out that Buda et al and Li CQ et al have already been referenced in the paper (reference number 50 and 51 respectively). Study from Karstensen JG et al is now added to the paper.

Minor comments:

- 1) I propose that space be inserted in table names, eg. Table 1 instead of Table1
(Formatted as per suggestion)
- 2) Furthermore, same formatting would be desirable throughout the tables in the manuscript (e.g. all references are in bold in Table 2 except for Mayo score(17); studies and references are all in bold in Table 3)
(Formatted as per suggestion)
- 3) In the “Endoscopy in UC:” section, 11th line, after the “Studies suggest that among experienced endoscopists there is a good inter-observer agreement in UC related endoscopic findings.” a reference is desirable.
(Reference added (no 14, Travis et al. Reliability and Initial Validation of the Ulcerative Colitis Endoscopic Index of Severity. Gastroenterology. 2013)
- 4) In the “Does endoscopy correlate with clinical symptoms?” section, there are two periods in the 6th line.
(Thank you for highlighting the error. We have now corrected this mistake)
- 5) Osada et al (38) in the 8th line is not referring to the correct study In the reference list
(Thank you for highlighting the error. We have now corrected this mistake -Osada et al now numbered 37)
- 6) The 9th and the 15th reference are written in capital letters.
(Corrected)
- 7) I propose that references with more than three authors be shortened into “...et al.” I hope you will take these comments into consideration.
(Thank you for your suggestion. We have left the formatting of the references to the style suggested by the author guidelines of the journal)

Reviewer ID: 3648053

In the manuscript entitled “The clinical relevance of endoscopic assessment of inflammation in ulcerative colitis: Can endoscopic evaluation predict outcomes?” the authors describes compiled about a method to predict revival of UC using an endoscope. This is well written and several reports using various modality is reviewed, and it's easy to be gathered and understand.

I have no major criticisms, but some points should be revised before its publication.

We would like to thank reviewer for the valuable comments. We have taken all the suggestions into consideration and have changed our paper accordingly.

- 1) In the “Does endoscopy correlate with clinical symptoms?” section, there are two periods in the 6th line.
(Thank you for highlighting the error. We have now corrected this mistake)
- 2) In the same section, I think the number of cited references is mistaken. The 8th line Osada et al are the 37th, and the 10th line Karoui et al are the 36th
(Thank you for highlighting the error. We have now corrected this mistake -Osada et al now numbered 37 and Karoui et al 36)
- 3) In the “Does advanced imaging modalities predict relapse?” section, I think that "the others" etc. is appropriate in the beginning of the paragraph given about AFI, iScan and FICE
(Thank you for suggesting this - we have incorporated this into the paper)