Reviewer’s report

Title: Efficacy, Safety and Cost Analyses in Ulcerative Colitis Patients Undergoing Granulocyte and Monocyte Adsorption or Receiving Prednisolone

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In this article, the authors report on the analyses of efficacy, safety and cost of treatment for patients with intractable ulcerative colitis who were treated with a conventional corticosteroid vs therapeutic granulocyte and monocyte adsorption (GMA) which is an extracorporeal intervention. The efficacy and safety of GMA therapy has been reported, with GMA having a very favourable safety profile vs a glucocorticosteroid. However, the strength of the study on the clinical efficacy vs economic burden is not very strong. However, it is an important and new point of view that the authors have focused on the analyses of medical-economic pertained to the treatment of patients with ulcerative colitis. From this viewpoint, the manuscript should find interest in clinical settings.

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I have no competing interests’