Reviewer’s report

Title: Low prevalence of 'classical' microscopic colitis but evidence of microscopic inflammation in Asian patients with diarrhoea predominant irritable bowel syndrome

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There are a few major issues with this article. Firstly the authors say that one of the objectives of the study is to find the prevalence of microscopic colitis in IBS-D patients. This is not possible in a single centre study.

The fact that non specific colitis is present in IBS-D is not new. De Silva et al Scand J Gastroenterol. 2012 ;47:619-24, described this and have included cytokine data as well. Strangely this paper is not even referenced although it is methodologically a similar study.

Diverticulitis is also a cause of inflammation and the authors need to mention that.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.