Reviewer's report

Title: Smoking habits in relation to the clinical picture of women with microscopic colitis compared to controls

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1. The manuscript is interesting and needs no compulsory revisions.

2. References are not quite satisfactory. There are more publications on smoking in MC (eg. Vigren et al) and they should be included.

On page 7, l. 4 "one episode of severe diarrhoea" is mentioned. What is severe diarrhoea, and how long is the observation-period. This is a very important point, I think, because the authors build their arguments for the MC1/MC2 dichotomy on this.

On page 10, 2.para, it is stated that 35.9% were current smokers. How does this agree with the statement that 13% were current smokers and 27% used tobacco + alcohol. In general, I think that data are a little difficult to grasp from the text.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.