Reviewer's report

Title: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patient Perceptions of Diagnostic and Monitoring Tests and Procedures

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Reviewer: Jimil Shah

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The study assessed an important and innovative aspect of patient care in IBD.

My concerns are:

1. Given high prevalence of IBD in Canada and simple nature of study, larger sample size could have been easily achieved for larger application of study results

2. You have not mentioned that whether all patients were enrolled from one Gastroenterology clinic or it was a multi-center study

3. You have not mentioned what tests were included in 'General blood test' and whether that tests were costly or not as 6 patients refused them for the fear of cost since this issue will apply more to the tests like MRI

4. Kindly mention the frequency of blood testing which was requested which may explain low level of comfort and compliance to blood testing

5. In discussion part page no 23 you have mentioned that medical imaging is least often requested and most commonly refused. However, these data do not correlate with your data in table no-2: Kindly clarify.

6. Limitations: Response rate low amongst all patients enrolled in CCC website.
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Yes

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