Reviewer’s report

Title: Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Manifestations in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: A Referral Center Study

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The authors in this retrospective study have tried to shed light on essentially the extraintestinal GI manifestations of IBD. It is important to identify patterns of extraintestinal manifestations and other organ involvement of the GI tract. However, the study fails to add meaningfully to the literature on IBD at present.

1) The methodology is weak, given this is a retrospective study, it is not possible to find out the prevalence of other GI organ involvement, especially in setting of imaging modalities available for review in less than half of the cases. The methods need to be defined more clearly. A clear description of diagnostic process is needed. Is there a protocol in place on imaging and testing in IBD at the center? etc.

2) The imaging modalities are available only in a select few, thus the results are heavily skewed. Was imaging done in patients with more severe disease? This should be discussed as limitations.

3) It would not be appropriate to compare the incidences of other manifestations, such as PSC, with other studies with different methodology.

4) It is difficult to identify results which are going to add meaningfully to the already available data.

5) One way this study could be written differently would be to compare it with other studies from Greece, to compare differences in extra intestinal findings and trying to identify patterns to better characterize risks in various patient populations.

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