Reviewer’s report

Title: Microscopic features of small bowel mucosa of patients with Crohn’s disease

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I commend Yun Cui et al on this well written clinicopathological case series of Crohn's patients. I have a few comments and queries regarding the study.

1. It was very interesting to read the different types of granulomatous lymphangitis discovered in these set of patients. Can you make it clear if the types mentioned are actually separate entities or belong to the same spectrum of the disease pathology?

2. I understand this study was mainly intended as a pathological analysis, however some more data could have been presented on the clinical status of these patients. For instance, the Crohn's Disease Activity Index (CDAI) of these set of patients have not been mentioned.

3. Did all the patients undergo double balloon enteroscopy irrespective of their clinical presentation?

4. What was the indication for enteroscopy in the patients? How was small bowel Crohn's diagnosed?

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