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

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Please include all comments for the authors in this box. The authors have gone to extremes to quantify things that are subjective or that vary from one section to the next, such as numbers of these cells vs those cells, intra-epithelial neutrophils, basal plasmacytosis, crypt abnormality, goblet cells etc. Further, they have not acknowledged that Crohn's disease is a submucosal and intramuscular disease. Overly quantifying cells of the mucosa and aggregates of them is not helpful; cuts of resection specimens would be much more relevant, but also impossible to quantitate. Suspected CD is also too subjective. You need to study clearly defined CD, established by several methods, and forget about suspected material. To give statistical significance to "uneven inflammation" is the epitome of subjectivity; foolish.

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