Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnostic efficacy of double-balloon enteroscopy in patients with suspected isolated small bowel Crohn’s disease

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I applaud the authors for a very nice manuscript. They provide a nice summary of the utility of DBE in CD.

The major question for me as reader is whether DBE provides any incremental benefit over more non-invasive modalities for diagnosing CD. Meaning, if I perform colonoscopy, EGD, VCE, and CTE on a patient I can usually make the diagnosis of CD. How often does DBE add value after the above listed studies are performed completely and adequately? I was not able to ascertain this from the manuscript. Can this information be clearly included in the table and text?

It seems that many of the patient included in the analysis did not have VCE or CTE. Why not?

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