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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS
The authors perform an excellent review of a number of conditions that are not fully explored through clinical trials. These would be: chronic refractory pouchitis or isolated proctitis in ulcerative colitis, short-bowel syndrome and stomas in Crohn’s disease, or ileorectal anastomosis in both ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease. Perhaps it would be interesting for the authors to add and revise a condition that is also orphaned from clinical trials. These are the very elderly patients with inflammatory bowel disease.