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Table with 4 columns: CLASSIFICATION, LANGUAGE EVALUATION, SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT, CONCLUSION. It contains checkboxes for various review criteria like 'Grade A: Excellent', 'Priority publishing', 'PubMed Search', etc.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review is well-conceived and constructed. It expresses in an appropriate way the aims of the study. There are few amendments that are considered necessary. Abstract: 4th line. "Inflammatory Bowel Disease and then (IBD) should be added. In sentence "Few non-expert IBD management tools or guidelines exist compared with those used for other chronic diseases such as asthma..." it's better to mention all the diseases (asthma, DM, CCF) Introduction: 2nd paragraph. To retain consistency, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and not Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBDs) should be used. "Treatment guidelines for IBD, both UC and CD, are clearly outlined by the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) 4,..." Reference 4 is about British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) guidelines and not ECCO guidelines. BSG are closely related but are not the same with ECCO ones. Furthermore, other similar guidelines from USA(AGA), Italy, Canada, etc. can also be added to enrich the references. "The epidemiology of IBD is such that most primary care physicians only have 2-10 people currently affected by IBD in their caseload, and mostly likely due to this lack of experience, their IBD knowledge and comfort in management is known to be suboptimal5,..."



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Reference 5 is an article from Australia and in my view no solid conclusions can be drawn based only on a single article. "2). Compare what resources are available for IBD...". The full names of the diseases could be mentioned. Materials and Methods: it is highly advised to first provide the full reference of the word CCF Discussion: In order to strengthen the discussion the prevalent rates from the other chronic diseases should be mentioned. Furthermore you need to highlight and emphasize the probable consequences of suboptimal management of IBD in Primary Care. For instance, the risk of delayed recognition of acute severe colitis, inappropriate use of steroids ("fast" tapering-eg 20mg daily for less than a month- or prolonged use), overuse of aminosalicylates in poor responders, delayed intervention in a relapse etc. 3rd paragraph-correct the word "hospitalizations" 4th paragraph. To retain consistency, between 30% and up to 70% are under... 5th paragraph. The last two sentences about UK studies are not referenced Paragraph: "Estimate of Indolent and mild IBD courses". To my knowledge aminosalicylates have no certain place to CD according to the evidence so far (not better than placebo). As a result aminosalicylates are appropriate treatment only for UC patients. Paragraph: "Primary Care physician's role in shared care of IBD patients" An appropriate addition to the paragraph and also to the table 4 is the prompt recognition of IBD relapse and/or acute severe colitis References: References no 6 and no 47 are the same



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| CLASSIFICATION                              | LANGUAGE EVALUATION  | SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT                          | CONCLUSION   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing                | PubMed Search:                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Accept                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing           | <input type="checkbox"/> The same title        | <input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism            | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision                |
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Comments for ESPS Manuscript NO: 15400 This review is interesting; however, there are some drawbacks in the paper that the authors should consider modifying or adding. Some necessary amendments are listed as following: a) Major comments: # Since those including non-specialist tools, action plans or guidelines for IBD were set for topics of this review, the authors should give them a more comprehensive explanation. b) Minor comments: 1. On page 3, 2nd paragraph, under Abstract, sentence 1: "The Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD), ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD)" should be modified to "Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) commonly refers to ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD)". 2. Reference 4 refers to those guidelines commissioned by the Clinical Services'Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) for clinicians and allied professionals caring for patients with IBD in the United Kingdom, rather than ECCO mentioned in the paper.



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Need to explain about the epidemiology of IBD related to world wide The search was performed on PubMed with the following more detailed search strategy: (((Inflammatory Bowel Diseases [MH] OR Inflammatory Bowel Disease\*[TW] OR IBD[TW] OR Ulcerative Colitis[TW] OR Crohn's Disease[TW] OR Crohn Disease[TW])) In conclusion author give more informative information which help in concluding whole study Author should explain more correlation of Outpatient Inflammatory Bowel Disease management tools Author give some more explanation about the following Investigate what non-specialist tools, action plans or guidelines for IBD are published in readily searchable medical literature