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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors show the risk factor for active TB in Korean patients with IBD treated by anti-TNF agents. The paper is well written. There are only a few concerns with regards to the investigation. Please see below.

1) The authors should recommend that doctors cannot use anti-TNF agents for patients with positive LTBI test. Because the patients with positive LTBI test have high risk of TB and it is difficult to prevent developing active TB by chemoprophylaxis in the study. The authors should be discussed in this point.

2) Significant digits should be reconsidered throughout the manuscript. Ex 32.50±13.04 years should be changed to 32.5±13.0 years.

3) Figure 1 is unnecessary.