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You submitted the manuscript ID AJGH-2506-1085, "Risk Stratification and Outcomes of Management in Egyptian Patients with Fistulizing Crohn's Disease," to the African Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The reviewer's comments are included at the end of this email.

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**Reviewer1:**

Good work, language editing is needed.

 **Reviewer 2: (AM)**

The article is of great importance and a good job, yet some modifications are needed, as in the attached files.
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**Reviewer3: ME**

The authors investigated 90 patients with CD who had or did not have a fistula, aiming to figure out risk factors for fistulizing CD and evaluate outcomes of treatment in the context of fistula. The work is interesting, and here are some comments to be addressed:
1- The aim of the study is missing and should be inserted at the end of the introduction section
2- Are all patients treatment naive? Patients with prior failures were excluded or not?
3- The discussion is a little bit long and needs to be more focused.

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