

For the ABCB1 gene, G2677T/A allele frequencies were found to be similar to those reported in the literature. There was no association of G2677T/A or C3435T with clinical phenotype, or resistance to treatment. However, 77.3% of 22/222 patients who did not respond to therapy and required surgery, were found to carry both the C3434T and the G2677T mutation.

Conclusion Our study was conducted in a genetically homogeneous population in the island of Crete. No correlation of any single SNP was found with either clinical activity or response to treatment. However, most patients who carried both the G2677T and C3435T mutations were refractory to treatment, a finding which implies that resistance to treatment in IBD patients is a more complex issue, which requires the presence of a genetic locus rather than a single SNP.

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PTU-080 CORRELATION OF FDG PET SCANNING WITH ENDOSCOPIC FINDINGS IN PATIENTS WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

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Introduction ¹⁸F- Fluoro-deoxy-glucose Positron Emission Tomography (FDG-PET) scanning is gaining popularity in the assessment of several inflammatory disorders including Crohn's Disease (CD).

Methods 11 patients with established CD, underwent ¹⁸F- FDG--PET scanning that was compared with recent endoscopic data, provided treatment had been unchanged between the two tests. Patients were fasted for 6 h and received 185 MBq of iv FDG followed by 800 ml of oral 2.5% mannitol. A low dose CT scan of the abdomen was performed, followed by PET, at 60 min post FDG injection. PET data was acquired over a maximum of 3 bed positions (10 min/ bed position).

Analysis involved dividing the gut into 6 segments on CT (terminal ileum, ascending, transverse, descending and sigmoid colon and rectum). Segmental maximum standardised uptake value (SUV_{MAX}) and SUV intestine-to-liver ratio (SUV_{ITL} = SUV_{MAX}/Liver SUV_{MEAN}) were calculated. A segment is defined as abnormal (PET +ve) when its SUV_{MAX} > Liver SUV_{MEAN} as per previous literature.¹⁻³ SUV_{MAX} and SUV_{ITL} of endoscopically abnormal versus endoscopically normal PET +ve segments were compared using the Mann-Whitney test.

Results 11 patients (52 gut segments) had PET within a median of 1 month of endoscopy. 21/52 segments were active on endoscopy. Of these 20/21 were also PET +ve. However, 17/31 of endoscopically negative segments were also PET+ve suggesting a sensitivity of 95% and a specificity of 45% in our cohort.

Raising the SUV_{MAX} threshold for defining a PET +ve segment from the existing (>SUV_{LIVER}) to > 3.5x SUV_{LIVER} reduced sensitivity from 95% to 86%, but improved specificity from 45% to 82% compared to the gold-standard of endoscopy.

Conclusion FDG-PET appears to be up to 95% sensitive in identifying segments with endoscopically active CD.

Several 'false positive' segments are also observed conferring a low specificity.

A threshold of segmental SUV_{MAX} signal > 3.5 x SUV_{LIVER} greatly improves sensitivity with a minimal reduction in specificity.

Abstract PTU-080 Table 1 SUV_{MAX} and SUV_{ITL} in endoscopically normal (17) versus endoscopically abnormal (20) PET +ve segments

	PET +ve segments	
	Endoscopically normal	Endoscopically abnormal
SUV _{max} (mean ± SD)	5.4 (±4.1)	10.4 (±4.2)
p value		p = 0.0004
SUV _{ITL} (mean ± SD)	3.0 (±1.9)	5.5 (±1.8)
p value		p = 0.0003

Segments which demonstrate FDG signal but are negative on endoscopy may reflect disease undetected by endoscopy, or may be false positives. A comparison with histological activity is required to clarify this.

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PTU-081 FAECAL CALPROTECTIN AND ILEAL CROHN'S DISEASE: CORRELATION WITH A SMALL BOWEL MRI SCORE FOR DISEASE ACTIVITY

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Introduction Small bowel MRI (SBMRI) is the current standard for assessing ileal inflammation in Crohn's disease. Faecal calprotectin (FC) is closely correlated with colonic inflammation, but is thought to be of less utility in ileal disease. Interpretation of existing data linking FC with SBMRI findings have been confounded by the presence of colonic inflammation. We therefore aimed to ascertain how FC best reflects MRI findings exclusively in the small bowel.

Methods 150 SBMRI studies with matched FC results (±30 days) were identified from the Edinburgh FC Register (2008–12; n = 18,138). Scans were entered into an anonymous 'teaching' list on PACS and each re-read independently by 2 expert GI radiologists blind to all clinical and lab data. Technical, quality and disease parameters were recorded onto standard proformas. Scans rated by one or other radiologist as being of poor quality were excluded (n = 31/150). 7/13 disease parameters were excluded due to poor interobserver variability (Cohen's kappa <0.5). A 6 item simple MRI score (range 0–10) was derived from assessment of the worst segment (bowel wall thickness, oedema, and relative enhancement, mesenteric oedema and pre-stenotic dilatation) plus total disease extent (overall kappa = 0.85). For comparisons with FC, studies where the radiologists reported upper GI or colonic inflammation were excluded (27/119).

Results 150 SBMRI scans were re-evaluated from 123 patients with purely ileal Crohn's (Montreal L1, n = 109; L3 + previous panproctocolectomy, n = 14; 65% female; median age at MRI