

**Supplementary Table 2. The characteristics of patients eligible for analysis**

	Number
Patients	N=128
Age, y, mean $\pm$ SD	48.1 $\pm$ 14.2
Sex, n (%)	
Male	75 (58.6)
Female	53 (41.4)
Disease type, n (%)	
Proctitis	18 (14.1)
Left-sided colitis	31 (24.2)
Pancolitis	77 (60.2)
Right-sided colitis	2 (1.6)
SCCAI score, n (%)	
0	101 (78.9)
1	19 (14.8)
2	8 (6.3)
MES points, n (%)	
0	66 (51.6)
1	41 (32.0)
$\geq 2$	21 (16.4)
Patients from whom a biopsy specimen was obtained, n (%)	121 (94.5)
Obtained biopsy specimen, median, n (IQR)	4 (2-6)
Matts grade, n (%)	
1	25 (19.5)
2	45 (35.2)
$\geq 3$	51 (39.8)
Concomitant drug, n (%)	
5-ASA	120 (91.6)
Steroids	10 (7.8)
Anti-TNF-alfa-antibody	12 (9.4)
Azathioprine	18 (14.1)

Abbreviations: ASA, aminosalicylic acid; IQR, interquartile range; MES, Mayo endoscopic subscore; SCCAI, simple clinical colitis activity index; SD, standard deviation; TNF, tumor necrosis factor