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| **Supplementary table 3.** Histological items composing the Robart histopatological index |
| Item | Score |
| Chronic inflammatory infiltrate |  |
|  No increase | 0 |
|  Mild but unequivocal increase | 1 |
|  Moderate increase | 2 |
|  Marked increase | 3 |
| Lamina propria neutrophils |  |
|  None | 0 |
|  Mild but unequivocal increase | 1 |
|  Moderate increase | 2 |
|  Marked increase | 3 |
| Neutrophils in epithelium |  |
|  None | 0 |
|  5% crypts involved | 1 |
|  <50% crypts involved | 2 |
|  >50% crypts involved | 3 |
| Erosion or ulceration |  |
|  No erosion, ulceration or granulation tissue | 0 |
|  Recovering epithelium + adjacent inflammation | 1 |
|  Probable erosion—focally stripped | 1 |
|  Unequivocal erosion | 2 |
|  Ulcer or granulation tissue | 3 |