

Supplementary Fig. 2. Grading system of transabdominal ultrasonography (US) grades. (A) US grade 1: normal thickness of the colonic wall (arrows). (B) US grade 2: thickened mucosa and submucosa without hypoechoic change of the submucosa (arrows). (C) US grade 3: bowel wall thickness with loss of stratification (arrows). (D) US grade 4: bowel wall thickness with loss of stratification and irregular mucosa or hyperechogenic shallow concavity in the mucosa, which suggests ulceration (arrows).