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AUTOPHAGY/OXIDATIVE STRESS IMBALANCE IN STENOSING CROHN'S DISEASE PATIENTS: A PROOF-OF-CONCEPT STUDY

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A study of 25 Crohn's disease patients and 11 healthy controls found that autophagy marker Lc3b-II is significantly reduced and oxidative stress markers are significantly elevated in CD patients, particularly those with stricturing phenotype.

KEY POINTS

- Lc3b-II levels were significantly reduced in active inflammation (P<0.01) and stenotic phenotype (P<0.001) compared to healthy controls, with stenotic patients showing the lowest levels.
- Oxidative stress markers sNOX2-dp and H2O2 were significantly increased in CD patients across all phenotypes (active, remission, and stenotic) compared to controls.
- Antioxidant power (H2O2 breakdown activity) was significantly reduced in all CD patient groups, including those in remission.
- The authors speculate that autophagy stimulation may represent an innovative pathway for future anti-fibrotic therapies in CD, though further research is needed.
- This material would be most relevant to researchers investigating fibrosis mechanisms in inflammatory bowel disease and potential therapeutic targets for stricturing Crohn's disease.

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