

August 19, 2015



Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 18273-Review\_08192015.doc).

**Title:** Economic evaluations in gastroenterology in Brazil: A systematic review

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

**ESPS Manuscript NO:** 18273

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 References number 12, 24, 25, 26, 29, 35, 38, 43 e 44 were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Pharmacology and*

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Dear Fang- Fang Ji

Could you please,

help me to answer the reviewers.

The only reviewer report that I received is attached. Do I have to answer to the following comment?

#### **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript investigates the economic evaluations in gastroenterology in Brazil. The authors tried to bring a reference to the decision-making processes in gastroenterology by analysing the cost-effectiveness of different treatments. While the material and novelty are not enough.

Because in the review file, I only saw questions about the references, that were all addressed.

I also noticed that the file available in the site is not the last one that I sent to you on August 19. How can I do its upload in the online system?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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On page 2:

We included the sections: *Conflict-of-interest statement*, and *Data sharing statement*

As requested, we sent the *Biostatistics statement* file and included a statement in the Materials and Methods section (page 8) affirming that the statistical review of the study was performed by a biomedical statistician.

On page 4:

We included an abstract of 269 words, structured into the following sections: AIM (15 words), METHODS (93 words), RESULTS (134 words), CONCLUSION (23 words).

On page 5

As requested, we sent the *Audio Core tip* file and included a statement describing our final core tip (page 5).

On pages 16-18

We included the comments, writing requirements for each subsection: (1) Background, (2) Research frontiers, (3) Innovations and breakthroughs, (4) Applications, and (5) Terminology.

On pages 18-23

References number 11, 12, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 43 e 44 were corrected.

Reference 11 was removed because repeat reference 4

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Regarding the ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT, we received only the following **COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**:

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#### **AUTHORS RESPONSE:**

We disagree with this comment. Before starting this systematic review, we did a search to see if there was already a similar systematic review. We identified only two systematic reviews related to this topic. One evaluated how appropriately cost-effectiveness is assessed in the gastroenterology literature (1), and the other appraised the quality of health economic analyses in digestive diseases (2). None of them described the scope and type of technologies evaluated in the field of gastroenterology, neither tried to relate the implementation of these studies with the incorporation of those technologies into the health care system.

We believe that our paper brings novelty, and it contributes to a better understanding of what kind of research is available as input for resource-allocation decisions, to help professionals, managers, and policy makers in the decision-making processes related to the incorporation of new technologies into a health care system. Besides, it informs how that body of knowledge can be expanded in future research projects.

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