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Italian survey on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and gastrointestinal bleeding in children

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RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

We thank the reviewers for their thorough and insightful feedback, and believe that their comments have greatly strengthened the paper. Outlined below is each reviewer's comment (in bold) and the corresponding revisions.

Reviewer(s)' Comments to Author:

Reviewer: 1*

Comments to the Author

ESPS Manuscript NO: 22434, entitled Italian survey on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and gastrointestinal bleeding in children. This study was evaluated as a quality study for publishing. However, there are some minor mistakes in the text:

1. You should not use abbreviations in abstract except NSAIDs, please correct it.

We delete the abbreviations in the abstract.

Also please add explanations before first abbreviation in the text and please use same abbreviation for the same subject.

We have added explanations before the abbreviations.

2. In Table 1; you should write "N,%" icons after "patients". Also, the number of comorbidities and diseases are not matched, please check and correct it.

It was corrected in the text in page 17

3. In Table 4: Please check the numbers.

It was corrected in the text at pages 20-21

4. You should add the grant number of approval given by Scientific committee to the material and methods.

It was added in the text at page 6

5. Figure 1 should be cancelled because it does not give any contribution to your manuscript.

We have cancelled Figure 1

Reviewer: 2*

Comments to the Author

I read with great interest the manuscript entitled “Italian survey on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and gastrointestinal bleeding in children” by Cardile et al. The manuscript is interesting and well conducted. Minor revisions are, however, suggested to improve the readability and potential scientific value of the study. In particular:

The final conclusion reported by the Authors in the Abstract Section should better clarified. All the findings do not clearly indicate the reported sentence.

We have changed the conclusions in abstract section in page 3.

Acronyms should spelled-out and uniformly reported throughout the manuscript (i.e. pts, patients).

We have corrected any acronyms in the text.

Several orthographical and grammatical errors have been found throughout the manuscript.

We have revised orthographical and grammatical errors in the text.

Although the Authors stated that the study has several limitations they do not discuss them but only reported a single sentence

We have considered the design of the retrospective study the major limitation.

Reviewer: 3*

Comments to the Author

Dear authors This well designed retrospective study can be published by minor changes as correction of aim. As this is an article about the relationship of NSAIDs and UGI bleeding you should emphasize this in aim.

We have modified the Aim of the study in the text at page 2