

Reviewer Comments and answers

Reviewer 1 (05548650)

Comment

This is a good frontier article. However, there are some issues to be addressed.

Response

Thank you

Comment

The authors examined the effectiveness of probiotics in managing functional constipation, and they assumed that current studies are inconclusive on demonstrating their efficacy capacity. Nevertheless, they also assert that there is potential benefit in their preventing role “..Indrio and coworkers provided convincing evidence that prophylactic use of probiotics also would be able to prevent developing FC in young children with a significant reduction in healthcare cost ...”. I suggest the authors discuss more in detail this last issue, especially explaining the pathophysiological mechanisms involved.

Response

We thank the reviewer for raising this issue. We expanded the area highlighted by the reviewer explaining the pathophysiological mechanisms.

Comment

Moreover, the authors should disclose if there is any possible use of wireless motility capsules in diagnosing chronic functional constipation in pediatric patients.

Response

There are only few pediatric studies conducted using WMC. They are still in their infancy specially with regards to functional constipation. According to the reviewer comment we included a paragraph in to the manuscript.

Reviewer 2 (03262157)

Comment

The topic is well presented and explained with updated with appropriate references.

Response

Thank you.

Comment

Minor language revision

Response

Language was edited according to the reviewer comment

Reviewer 3 (00009776)

Comment

The title should be: Childhood functional constipation: Current status.....

Response

Thank you for the comment. In this article, we have discussed the current status of childhood constipation, and future perspectives specially in the management section. Therefore, if the reviewer is not disagreeing, we would like to keep the title as it is.

Comment

The Hirschsprun's disease should be discussed more in the manuscript as it is the most common reason of childhood constipation.

Response

Hirschsprugs disease is not the most common reason for childhood constipation. It is functional constipation. We have discussed this in length in the article. Hirschsprungs disease in fact is a common cause for non-functional constipation (pathological constipation) in children. Since our aim is to discuss functional constipation in the current article, we did not described Hirschsprungs disease in this manuscript.

Comment

The manuscript is too long and need to be streamlined

Response

Manuscript was shortened (over 1000 words were removed) according to the reviewer comment.

Comment

Minor language revision

Response

Language editing was done according to the reviewer comment