

# COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in pediatric gastroenterology practice

## Response to reviewers

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** Thank you for the opportunity to review this text. To my opinion, the article is well-written and interesting but I think still needs minor revisions before publishing. You must provide more details about changes in your activity. Everyday we discover new articles and data on this pandemic. Therefore, please update also data on pediatric cases and cite most recent works.

**Response:** Thank you for your review. We included the changes in our activities in the revised manuscript in the figures we attach to the manuscript. We did not find recent data from CDC website about the total number of pediatric cases and death rate in pediatric age groups other than the one we included in the initial manuscript.

Reviewer #2:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

**Specific Comments to Authors:** This manuscript is well written about timely topic. It was quite interesting except protocol-like description. It would be better to classify by age and to describe how to deal infants, toddlers, and school aged children, respectively.

**Response:** Thank you for your review. We included the current data available about different presentation of different age groups in pediatrics.

Reviewer #3:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade A (Priority publishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** Very timing and excellent report, but I am missing the differences between the different States (e.g., West and East, MidWest, farmlands, etc.). The report should contain this information for a good presentation of the topic.

**Response:** Thank you for your review. We added comments about differences seen among states in the USA.