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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much to give us the opportunity to revise our manuscript
"Novel insights in the management of Sickle Cell Disease in childhood"

Authors: Lorenzo Iughetti, Elena Bigi, Donatella Venturelli

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According your remarks format has been updated and references were corrected.
We thank the reviewers for their very helpful comments to improve our paper, as well.
Please find below our answers to the issues raised by the Reviewers.

In our response letter, we listed the Reviewers' comments in bold and our answers in italics.

We also highlighted the modifications brought into the text in yellow.

We would be grateful if this new version could be considered for publication

Kind Regards

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Responses to reviewers

Reviewer 1

Dear Reviewer,

We thank you for your attention and for your indications concerning our paper.

1. It can be accepted after minor language polishing and a little shortening.

The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewer.

Minor language polishing and a little shortening have been made.

Reviewer 2

Dear Reviewer,

We thank you for your attention and for your indications concerning our paper.

We appreciate your opinions and we modify the manuscript as you suggested.

- 1. What still is lacking in the paper is some more information about abdominal or other crises of sickle cell disease besides pain, lung and cerebral problems, e.g. "Girdle syndrome", splenic sequestration, liver infarction, priapism and so forth.**
- More information about abdominal pain, "Girdle syndrome", splenic sequestration, liver infarction, and priapism were included.
- 2. minor points: in page 7, typical pulmonary infections in sickle cell disease are mentioned. It should be added in which country the study was performed, since infections may differ greatly depending on the climate.**

- We added the indication of the main countries in which studies on typical lung infection have been performed-

- 3. minor points: in page 15 it should be explained which patient age is optimal for bone marrow transplantation.**

- The optimal age to transplant SCD patients has been included in the text

Thank you again to evaluate the publication of our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics*.

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