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Point by point reply to reviewers

The surgeon's perspective on short bowel syndrome: where are we?

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Reviewer 03727922

Conclusion: Major revision
Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)
Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Interesting manuscript – "The surgeon's perspective on short bowel syndrome: where are we?" - that needs improvement in the methods and description of the positive benefits of this study. Needs some clarification to better interpretation of its importance.

We wish to thank you very much Reviewer 03727922 for her/his comments on our manuscript in order to improve it.

Major

Introduction - I believe it is necessary to be more clearer and avoid discussing.

Material and Methods - Important to state the information on approval of a Local Ethical Committee and also be provided the number and year. Should describe clearly the selection, type of the study and also is mandatory to better explain the study performed. Where were data collection? Search of material and data?

Discussion - I suggest describing the real benefit of this study in clinical practice and also is mandatory describe the limitations of this study.

We wish to thank you very much Reviewer 03727922 for her/his suggestions but our manuscript has been considered by the Editor as an "Editorial" supposed to review and comment the international literature on the considered topic. So our paper it is not a "study" following the conventional division in "Introduction", "Materials and Methods" and "Discussion" but instead there is an "Introduction" written for an

Editorial followed by an“Overview of the literature” and a “Surgeon’s perspective”. We are very sorry for the misunderstanding but in our manuscript there is not “approval of a Local Ethical Committee and also a number and year”, “selection, type of the study and study performed” , “data collection and search of material and data” or “ benefit of this study in clinical practice and the limitations of this study” because, as we remarked, it is an Editorial . Eventually, we reviewed the English language and punctuation as suggested (“Minor language polishing”). Thank you.

Reviewer 03742333

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)
Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)
Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

I have read with great interest the manuscript entitled “The surgeon's perspective on short bowel syndrome: where are we?”. In this editorial the authors provide initially a brief overview about short bowel syndrome. Thereafter, they describe the role of parenteral nutrition in the treatment of this condition and the surgical options available. Finally, concepts of intestinal transplantation are discussed, such as indication of the procedure, immunosuppressive regimes and prognosis. The topic is relevant, and the view of the authors based on scientific evidence. Hence, this editorial may add in the current literature updating the knowledge about this subject. Despite its merit some issues need to be addressed.

We wish to thank you very much Reviewer 03742333 for her/his comments on our manuscript in order to improve it.

Major comments:

1. Punctuation needs reviewing throughout the manuscript. The use of colon (:) is repetitive and misused, it could be replaced by a full stop (.) in many points. Colon should be used to introduce an example or an explanation. One example is the first use of colon in the introduction, the phrase is excessively long, and the use of a full stop will improve the language. Similar issues occur repetitively along the manuscript.
   Thank you for the suggestion. We reviewed English language and punctuation accordingly.

2. The citation of "Dudrick" in the introduction may be replaced by "Wilmore et al.". This is because Wilmore is the first author of the manuscript that the authors refer to.
   Thank you for the advice. We changed the text accordingly.
3. The phrase "Since Dudrick has demonstrated long-term survival with parenteral nutrition (PN) in a child affected by SBS (5), nowadays home PN represents the standard of care in patients affected by massive loss of small bowel with excellent long term results (6-12). However, PN uses the intravenous route to supplement the nutrients and fluids. Therefore, it does not replace physiologically the bowel function. " needs reviewing.
   Thank you for the remark. We rewrote the sentence as suggested.
4. In the section "Study analysis", the classification presented in the first paragraph (very short bowel syndrome, ultra short bowel syndrome or no gut syndrome) needs a reference. Is this widely accepted? Who created this classification?
   Thank you for the suggestion. We added the references of international literature describing the reported classification (new references from N.13 to N. 20) .

Minor comments:

1. The abstract may benefit from rewording at some points. For example, not sure about the use of "implement absorption" or "colon has its digestive importance". Moreover, the abbreviation "SBS" is used in the abstract without being explained before.

   Thank you for the useful advice. We reviewed the abstract as suggested.
