

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Echinofinalecorretto.doc).

Title: Epidemiology and clinical features of cystic hydatidosis in western Sicily. A ten-year review.

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1 The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of editor and reviewers:

2 A native speakers of English has reviewed the manuscript; please find enclosed her *cv*.

3 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the editor and format has been updated

4 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer 1

1-Which aspect of Epidemiology: descriptive, analytic, spatial or ...? It is descriptive epidemiology

2-Too short introduction. Introduction , we added two sentences;

3- How many of patients were undiagnosed or under diagnosed? We are not able to know how many patients were undiagnosed as all diagnosed were enrolled in the study.

4-Was there any study on animal(especially dog) population? Checking dogs? I was not able to find published studies on Sicilian animal population; it would be nice to design one.

5-Table 1: which comorbidities? IHD/Stroke/ Cancer/DM/hypertension or ....? We added this sentence in RESULTS: Risk factors “Co-morbidities were observed in 17 (53.1%) patients, hypertension in 9, diabetes in 4, chronic pulmonary diseases in 2, hepatitis B in 1, hepatitis C in 1.”

Reviewer 2

English must be reviewed by a native speaker. It has been done.

Would be more interesting if more patients were included on the study. The sample size is quite small. We agree with your comment, we are almost sure that we enrolled oaa the patients. This is due to the fact that thestudy have involved only two Infectious Diseases Units. We are planning to start a bigger study involving 12 sicilian ID Units.

Images of CE at surgery, as well as X-rays should be included. Once more we agree with your comments but it was impossible to find the original images.

4 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

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