

Answers to reviewers' comments

Reviewer ID

03260089

Pediatric CD a" Use low case letter - "Clinical presentation in" Use uppercase letter for "in" and make a complete sentence

Answer: Sentence completed and highlighted in yellow

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In my opinion the most prominent finding of the study which was the severe presentation of CD in the Eastern region of the KSA was not sufficiently proved by the collected data. Authors used basically the same data of the reference 14 published in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. The general impression of some gastroenterologists from the ER (personal communication) could be demonstrated by more specific data like use of immunosuppressants and biological agents, number of hospitalizations, number of surgery and others. The English language polishing was a minor concern with some orthographical and grammatical errors.

Answer: Because of the retrospective type of this study, we were not able to address more specific markers of severity such as documentation the pediatric activity indices over the course of the illness, use of immunosuppressants or biological agents, the number of hospitalizations, and the need for surgical interventions.

This was clarified in the manuscript and highlighted in yellow.

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Tables are well-presented but there are some deficiencies in them that must be corrected. In the table-1, standard deviations (SD) were not added in the table.

Answer: Done and highlighted in yellow