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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: CVS Review 9815 --edited\_R1\_16Jun2014.doc).

**Title: Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome – Recognition, Assessment and Management**

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

1 Format has been updated

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

**Reviewer 02446483**

The topic of the research is very interesting and presented in a scientific and clear manner. The manuscript addresses many of the essential criteria needed to reach a diagnosis and treat the cyclic vomiting syndrome. It also highlights its prevalence in school aged children which hinders their school progress and troubles the whole family. The title is consistent with the research study and content. The abstract is informative and gives the reader a general idea about the CVS and delineates the research background, objectives and conclusions. It recommends more research and study to reach a definite diagnosis and treatment for CVS.

1. I would prefer that the authors would suggest new methods of diagnosis and treatment and a future plan to implement a practical study on more Worldwide children.

**Reply:** Conclusion paragraph has been improved and a few new ideas are added in other paragraphs. The flow diagram for diagnostic evaluation is also included at the end of the manuscript.

2. The introduction is a repetition of the same information in the abstract.

**Reply:** The abstract updated based on the addition of information in the text of the manuscript.

3. The word bilious is misspelled in line 5 of the introduction (bilous) and formatting error in line six as there should be a space before the word (Effect) at the beginning of the sentence.

**Reply:** Suggested corrections done

4. More misspellings are present.

**Reply:** Other spelling corrections done

5. The epidemiology and clinical picture show a good effort from the authors to search existing cases and explain their presentation and the precipitating factors. The diagnosis, investigation and treatment are well presented except for the missing TABLE1 they refer to by the end of page 5.

**Reply:** Table is available at the end

6. The conclusion is weak and the discussion lacks the scientific approach of analyzing the criteria for diagnosis and treatment.

**Reply:** The conclusions are updated along with a couple of other updates in the rest of the text to address the above comment.

7. Future recommendations are not clearly specified towards a more practical approach for diagnosis and treatment.

**Reply:** Conclusions updated to include future recommendations

8. Moreover, a table or more discussion for the inborn errors of metabolism needs to be provided.

**Reply:** Text updated to include more discussion on inborn errors of metabolism

9. Stereotypical episode needs to be clarified!

**Reply:** Text updated to clarify

10. Four lines for psychotherapy are not enough. It is necessary much more discussion on the role of the psychotherapy for CVS!

**Reply:** The text revised to include more details on non-pharmacological therapy including psychotherapy.

**Reviewer 01213276**

A very concise, well written, review paper. My criticism is minor.

1. Even the term cyclical is proper, cyclic is more often used to describe the syndrome.

**Reply:** We have retained the cyclical term throughout. Hope that is acceptable to the reviewer.

2. References should be cited according to the rules and formats established by the instructions to authors.

**Reply:** Reference citations corrected wherever applicable.

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

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