

## ANSWERING REVIEWER

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Dear reviewer,

Thank you for the great evaluation and for your comments on our manuscript. Your suggestions were very useful for the improvement of the scientific and language qualities of this paper. From your comments, we reassessed our systematic review and we could observe that we have extrapolated the results of our study in some statements and conclusions that do not match our results. Therefore, we made changes in the manuscript in order to improve its coherence. Moreover, we have made all the changes suggested in your comments. In addition, this manuscript underwent a language polishing. The point-by-point changes are described below and highlighted in the manuscript file.

1. The article you recommended us to add to the review was published *in press* in June 2020; however, our systematic review comprised only articles published up to April 2020. (Kori M, Le Thi TG, Werkstetter K, et al. *Helicobacter Pylori* Infection in Pediatric Patients Living in Europe: Results of the EuroPedHP Registry 2013-2016 [published online ahead of print, 2020 Jun 11]. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr.* 2020; In press.)
2. We rewrote the conclusion in the abstract (Line 78-81, emphasis in green)
3. We rewrote the conclusion in the manuscript discussion (Line 387-390, emphasis in green)
4. We rewrote the conclusion of the highlights (Line 423-426, emphasis in green)
5. We deleted a sentence on the line 365 “with children in various geographical areas” (emphasis in red)

6. We deleted a sentence on the line 384 “The lack of meta-analysis is also a limiting factor in this study” (emphasis in red)
7. All of the requested spelling changes have been made and are highlighted in yellow.
8. We changed some action verbs (emphasis in blue) in order to make the texts in Table 2 less repetitive. These texts are already well summarized from the objectives written in the original articles, so shortening it further could make the objectives lose clarity.

Best Regards,

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