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Dear Ze-Mao Gong,

Thank you for the acceptance of our manuscript entitled “**Restoration of energy level in the early phase of acute pediatric pancreatitis.**” to the World Journal of Gastroenterology (manuscript NO: 30454).

You can find our responses for the reviewers comments below:

Reviewer’s code: 00069230

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS: Nicely written review that presents an interest view on the current knowledge regarding treatment of acute pediatric pancreatitis. The authors conclude that early enteral nutrition, started within 24/48 hours, is beneficial in acute pediatric pancreatitis. However, prospective and better presentation of studies are crucially needed to get higher level of evidence.

RESPONSE: Thank you.

Reviewer’s code: 00070310

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS: This manuscript has reviewed usefulness of early enteral nutrition for pediatric acute pediatric pancreatitis. This paper is interest, and well written and appropriate for the usefulness of early enteral nutrition. It will be acceptable for publication except one. Please show the data as to restoration of energy level in the early phase of acute pediatric pancreatitis.

RESPONSE: In this article we do not have our own data. Please find the values collected from papers in Table 2.

Reviewer’s code: 00043819

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS: Interesting paper on important topic. The manuscript is well-written.

RESPONSE: Thank you.

Reviewer’s code: 00068404

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS: The systematic review analyses the therapeutic effect of enteral nutrition for acute pediatric pancreatitis, as compared to nil per os, which is

an interesting topic. The article will be acceptable if the authors can make a few revisions concerning the following points. 1. Since it is a systematic review, the quality of the included retrospective studies and necessary, using the NOS system and the GRADE system for instance. 2. The authors used NPO as the control. But it might be more reasonable to compare enteral nutrition versus parenteral nutrition as the latter is commonly used in AP patients who are required to be NPO. 3. As NPO means nothing by mouth so the term "NPO diet" is quite confusing. 4. The studies included in the meta-analysis were just about pediatric patients with mild AP. However, the authors concluded that "early enteral nutrition is beneficial in acute pediatric pancreatitis" which may not be convincing since moderate to severe patients were not evaluated.

RESPONSE: Thank you for your points in which we totally agree with you (see limitation part in the ms). This is the reason why it is not a completed meta-analysis, it is a minireview which aim to highlight the current knowledge and urge for more studies.

If you have any questions I am more than happy to answer.

Yours sincerely,

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