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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Congratulations for your work. This is an interesting case series of solitary rectal ulcer and it is the largest pediatric series ever published. Although there are some concerns about publication of this work: - the English grammar is very poor and should be improved - It has been recommended that defecography and anorectal manometry should be performed in all children with SRUS to define the primary pathophysiological abnormality and to select the most appropriate treatment protocol. However the authors did not mention if this evaluation was or not performed. - In the patients that required surgical treatment should be discussed the type of surgery performed and the reason for that choice since there are many surgical techniques described in the literature. Summing up, with some improvements this is a publishable manuscript.

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The manuscript reports a study on solitary rectal ulcer syndrome (SRUS) in children. 55 children have been diagnosed in a period of 11 years and different treatments have been proposed. The authors describe symptoms, data from colonoscopies and different treatment approaches performed in 51 patients. In the discussion, they compare their statistic data on gender, age, symptoms and treatments, with those available in other studies in the literature. They conclude the disease is considered a rare condition in children due to the low familiarity of physicians with this disorder, recommending more attention to this disease. The authors diagnosed 55 children in 11 years (5 children/year), concluding this study reveals that solitary rectal ulcer is not so uncommon in children. Solitary rectal ulcer syndrome (SRUS) is a benign and chronic disorder well known in young adults and less in children, although studies are being published in the literature more than in the past. This study describes a large pediatric population collected in 11 years, and it can be of interest for experts in the field due to the high number of cases reported. However, due to the numerous grammar mistakes and incorrect formulation of many sentences, a drastic English revision of the whole manuscript is mandatory. The revision can help to appreciate the interesting contents of



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the study and to re-organize the discussion in a more usable style, so improving the manuscript. Here below are listed just some sentences as examples, but there are many others errors in all the manuscript. Abstract: "All information collected from the patients, their parents and medical records in hospital. "beginning of symptoms to diagnosis solitary rectal ulcer..." "The most common clinical symptom in our patients were..." "Since the most common symptom was rectal bleeding..." Introduction: "...but there is no strong evidences of effectiveness..." Patients and Methods "All of the children including 55 (14 females and 41 males) with final diagnosis of solitary rectal ulcer in Pediatric Gastroenterology Section of Nemazee Hospital affiliated by Shiraz University of Medical Sciences from March 2003 to March 2014, have been studied." Try to reformulate in: 55 children (14 females and 41 males) with final diagnosis of solitary rectal ulcer have been studied in at the Pediatric Gastroenterology Section of Nemazee Hospital, affiliated by to the Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, from March 2003 to March 2014. "Histopathologic evaluations of all biopsy samples were done..." Please, use bioptic/bioptical Results "That patient presented with history of..." "but ulcers with smaller than 5 mm and larger than 15 mm were also reported Etc. Minor revions: In the manuscript, the authors use both numbers and letters to indicate the total of the patients: (. ...37 patients showed the ulcers (67.3%)... Seven patients had polypoid lesions (12.7%)... Four patients had both ulcers and polypoid lesions (7.3%). In 23 patients (45.1%) who had not responses to the conservative treatments use of Asacol suppository had been recommended. Nine patients (17.6%) were treated with Sucralfate enema). They also report "millimeters" and "mm" (i.e. Most of the ulcers were 5-15 millimeters in diameter, but ulcers with smaller than 5 mm and larger than 15 mm). There are no tables in the manuscript. Maybe the inclusion of tables could help a general schematic view of the data reported in the study. i.e. a table in which number of patients and respective treatments are summarized could be helpful: 51 treated patients 11 patients only recommended for a conservative treatments 23 patients use of Asacol 9 patients Sucralfate enema 2 patients alcohol injection 1 patient Methylprednisolone 5 patients rectopexy