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Dear Editor and Reviewers:

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have revised the manuscript entitled **“Gastrointestinal manifestations of critical ill heatstroke patients and their associations with outcomes: A multicentre, retrospective, observational study”** (ID: 88624) and would like to re-submit it for your consideration. All comments by the reviewers have been addressed, and the modified text is highlighted with yellow color in the revised version. Point-by-point responses to the reviewers' comments are listed below.

We would like to express our great appreciation for your comments and suggestions on our manuscript. And we hope that the corrections will meet with approval.

Kind regards,

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Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Science editor:

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Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have provide the Figures cited in the original manuscript in the form of PPT. All legends have been corrected with a general title and explanation. The Figures cited in the original manuscript are all original images.

- (2) Please obtain permission for the use of picture(s).

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. The pictures used in the original manuscript are all original.

- (3) Please don't include any *, #, †, §, ‡, ¥, @....in your manuscript; Please use superscript numbers for illustration; and for statistical significance, please use superscript letters. Statistical significance is expressed as aP < 0.05, bP < 0.01 (P > 0.05 usually does not need to be denoted). If there are other series of P values, cP < 0.05 and dP < 0.01 are used, and a third series of P values is expressed as eP < 0.05 and fP < 0.01.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have replaced special character with superscript numbers. We have changed the form of statistical significance to aP < 0.05.

- (4) Please add the Core tip section.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have added the Core tip section.

- (5) The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article Highlights” section at the end of the main text (and directly before the References)

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have added the “Article Highlights” section.

- (6) Please provide the Informed consent statement.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. Given the retrospective nature of this study, the requirement for informed consent was waived. This is mentioned at the end of our manuscript.

- (7) Please provide all fund documents.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have provided fund documents in the attachment.

- (8) Please provide the Biostatistics statement.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by our research support center, and the statistical methods and techniques mentioned are appropriate for the research. This is mentioned at the end of our manuscript.

- (9) Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have provided the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and listed all authors of the references.

- (10) Corresponding authors are only allowed to have 2 people at the same time.

Response:

Thanks very much for your suggestions. We only had two corresponding authors in this study.

Company editor-in-chief:

The title of the manuscript is too long and must be shortened to meet the requirement of the journal (Title: The title should be no more than 18 words.

Response:

Thanks very much for your rigorous consideration. We have changed the title to *Gastrointestinal manifestations of severe heatstroke patients and their associations with outcomes: A multicentre, retrospective, observational study.*