

Dear Editor

First of all, we thank you for the opportunity of the publication of our work. We have proceeded to edit the text as suggested by the auditors. Below this introduction are reported the responses to the individual reviewers and related modifications have been highlighted in red in the text.

Asking yet patience I want to remind you that we found difficulties in the passage between the Journals. We have lit only to the platform F6publishing, without access to any modules. We have tried to adapt the text of the paper to editorial models. We'll send in a very short time the missing material if we will have the specific forms.

Thank you again for the opportunity, congratulations on the quality of the Journal

Kind regards

Cesare Tosetti

We thank the reviewers for their work and for the compliments received. We proceeded to follow the indications that were of great importance to improve the quality of the study.

R 00034127

We thank the reviewer for the favorable comments. As indicated, we have inserted in the Materials section a specification on the fact that it was not necessary to subdue this study to the Ethics Committee.

R 03648129

We thank also this reviewer for the favorable comments. We followed all the suggestions, leaving the figure without adding additional percentages of subpopulations (present in the tables) in order not to disperse the main message of the picture.

We have inserted a sentence on the difficulty to obtain data of prevalence of use of PPI in the population, citing a Swedish work published very recently.

R 0058696

We would thank this reviewer as his overall negative judgement to the publication of the study has pushed us to reread the text. It is true that several studies are available on the scarce availability of doctors to follow guidelines, but we reaffirm the originality of the paper. The study data have made it possible to better define the characteristics of PPI users who are not suitable for PPI prescription in a large unselected population. Moreover we have shown that for those patients there may be a prescription of PPI potentially inappropriate, there are many who do not use PPI but that could find correct therapeutic indication for these drugs.

We have followed all the instructions suggested by the reviewer for the text and we have corrected the final sentence.