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Abdominal Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 in Children

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1 Original submission

5 comments · 22 Jul 2020 – 26 Jul 2020

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 22 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
this is not the first case report of gi feature in children with covid -19 , already it has been reported.
bilious vomiting is correct (no bile vomiting).
Please, write a more complete introduction and discussion.
Ethical principles are not mentioned in this article.
Thanks.

Referee 2 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 22 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
It is better to display the demographic information of patients and clinical and radiological manifestations in the form of a table .
There are other reports of Covid 19 gastrointestinal symptoms in the form of an acute abdomen.
Please compare their findings with the results of your findings, in the discussion section.
Thanks.

Referee 3 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 25 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
In discussion: These symptoms will appear after addmision and initial treatment. it will be discused if these symptoms & signs will appear due to treatment or disease.
Thanks.

Associate Editor

MINOR REVISION 26 Jul 2020

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author.
According to the comments, the document needs minor revision.
Kind regards,

Editor-in-Chief

MINOR REVISION 26 Jul 2020

Dear Author,
Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.
Thanks.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dr. Rafiei Tabatabaei

Editor-in-Chief of Archives of Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Our research team and I thank you from your attention to our manuscript and your great comments. We revised our manuscript based on reviewers' comments and in following we reply to comments one by one.

Reviewer 1:
Comment 1. It is better to display the demographic information of patients and clinical and radiological manifestations in the form of a table.

Reply: this mentioned table was added

Comment 2. There are other reports of Covid 19 gastrointestinal symptoms in the form of an acute abdomen.
Please compare their findings with the results of your findings in the discussion section.
Reply: when we wrote this manuscript, our literature review didn't reveal any related article about acute abdomen in pediatrics with COVID-19. Now, we again searched in resources and an article with 5 children was added to discussion and compared was done.

Reviewer 2:
Comment 1. This is not the first case report of gi feature in children with covid -19, already it has been reported.
Reply: when we wrote this manuscript, our literature review didn't reveal any related article about acute abdomen in pediatrics with COVID-19. Now, we again searched in resources and an article with 5 children was added to discussion and compared was done.

Comment 2. Bilious vomiting is correct (no bile vomiting).

Reply: thank you, corrected.

Comment 3. Please, write a more complete introduction and discussion.

Reply: by comparing mentioned article with our study, we think it was done.

Comment 4. Ethical principles are not mentioned in this article.
Reply: they were added.

Reviewer 3:
Comment 1: in disscution:these symptom will appear after admission and initial treatment .it will be discussed if this symptom & signs will appear due to treatment or disease

Reply: due to short period between symptoms development and treatment initiation, we think that these symptoms were related to main disease.

Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:
Comment 1: There are other reports of Covid 19 gastrointestinal symptoms in the form of an acute abdomen, Please compare their findings with the results of your findings in the discussion section.

Reply: it was done.
Comment 2: These symptoms had been appeared after admission and initial treatment. It would be better to clarify time relation between symptoms and initiation of treatment.

Reply: due to short period between symptoms development and treatment initiation, we think that these symptoms were related to main disease.

Comment 3: Please, write a more complete introduction and discussion.

Reply: by comparing mentioned article with our study, we think it was done.

comment4: Ethical principles are not mentioned in this article.

Reply: they were added.

Kind regards,
Zahra Pourmoghaddas

2 Revision 1

2 comments · 3 Aug 2020 – 5 Aug 2020

Associate Editor

MINOR REVISION 3 Aug 2020

Dear EIC:
Thanks for adding the comments of the judges, but it is better to apply the following points.
1. In May 2020, a report was published about 8 children from England who presented with symptoms of acute appendicitis, I leave the information of that report here for your better access .please add their information.
(Gastrointestinal features in children with COVID-19: an observation of varied presentation in eight children.Published:May 19, 2020DOI:https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-4642(20)30165-6)
2. Please add an Ethical declaration.
Yours sincerely

Editor-in-Chief

MINOR REVISION 5 Aug 2020

Dear author,
Thank you so much for your contribution to APID.
According to the reviewers' comments, my decision about this manuscript is a minor revision.
Please revise and update it according to the reviewer's comments.
Thanks.

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Revision 2

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Reply to editor comments

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This article content was added to discussion part (highlighted in yellow)

2. please add Ethical declaration .
Thank you for your attention, it was declared (highlighted in yellow)

3 Revision 2

2 comments · 2 Sep 2020 – 3 Sep 2020

Associate Editor

ACCEPT 2 Sep 2020

Dear EIC,
After correcting the grammar problem in line 122, the article could be accepted.
Thanks.

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 3 Sep 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.