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To Prof. Paola Marchisio

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Dear Prof. Marchisio,

Thank you for allowing us to make a further revision of our Manuscript 2010-0433 "EFFICACY AND TOLERABILITY OF PEG-ONLY LAXATIVE ON FAECAL IMPACTION AND CHRONIC CONSTIPATION IN CHILDREN. A CONTROLLED RANDOMIZED STUDY VS A STANDARD PEG-ELECTROLYTE LAXATIVE" - F. Savino M.D. Ph D, S. Viola M.D., E Maiullari M.D., G. Di Nardo* M.D., S. Oliva* M.D. and S. Cucchiara* M.D. Ph Det al. for publication in BMC Pediatrics.

We believe that we have now satisfied the two points raised by Reviewer 2 (Mike Geraint), since we have exactly written what he recommended, and we hope that this meets the high standard of BMC Pediatrics.

These data have not been published previously and are not under consideration for publication by any other journal. All authors have read and approved the version of the article being submitted.

We look forward to your review of the article and hope for a favourable outcome and subsequent publication in BMC Pediatrics.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer 2 (Mike Geraint)

1) Comment on the abstract
The text has been changed according the request of the reviewer 2.

We also change the phrase of the abstract.

“At the higher PEG doses recommended by the manufactures, children in the PEG-only group had higher and more regular soft stool frequency than PEG-EL.” Page 3.

2) Page 9 last paragraph
The sentence is as requested by the reviewer 2.