Author's response to reviews

Title: First-attack Pediatric Hypertensive Crises Presenting to the Pediatric Emergency Department

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Enclosed you will find the revised manuscript entitled "First-attack Pediatric Hypertensive Crises presenting to the Pediatric Emergency Department". In this revised manuscript, we have addressed the reviewers’ concerns and made the mandatory style changes to meet the style of the journal: BMC Pediatrics. We wish to thank you for allowing us to resubmit this revised manuscript and hope that you will now find it acceptable for publication in the BMC Pediatrics. I would very like to make any further revision followed by your comments and it would be highly appreciated if this manuscript could be smoothly run to publication process.

We thank for your assistance in improving our manuscript. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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Dear Prof. Janusz Feber,

Enclosed is our revised manuscript (First-attack Pediatric Hypertensive Crises Presenting to the Pediatric Emergency Department). We appreciate the constructive comments of your review and have revised the manuscript. Below are our replies to the reviewers:

Itemized comments

1. **Abstract**, page 2, lines 7-8: "We conducted a retrospective study during 2000 to 2008 for pediatric patients.", it should be ".in pediatric patients."  
Answer: Thanks for your recommendation. We have corrected the sentence.

2. **Introduction**, page 5, lines 4-8: "Therefore, we conducted a retrospective study on pediatric patients with hypertensive crisis during 2000 to 2008. The main objective is to study the clinical features, etiologies and treatments of children with first attacks of hypertensive crisis arriving at the pediatric emergency department (ED), and to analyzed predictors for the severity of hypertensive crisis in children." Proposed change: "The objective of our study was to analyze the clinical features, etiologies and treatments of children with first attacks of hypertensive crisis and predictors of severity of hypertensive crisis."  
Answer: Thanks for your recommendation. We have corrected the sentence.

3. **Methods**: page 9, lines 5-7: Acute end organ damages derived from HTN would be identified as patients with abnormal clinical and laboratory findings which were relieved after BP decreased." Proposed change: "Acute (transient) end organ damage resulting from HTN was identified by abnormal clinical and laboratory findings which subsided after BP decrease."  
Answer: Thanks for your recommendation. We have corrected the sentence.

4. **Discussion**: page 17, lines 8-11: “Moreover, the symptoms such, as headache, dizziness, nausea/vomiting which are suspected of correlating to the BP over 5 mmHg above 9 9th percentile should be carefully surveyed for any clue of end organ damages and for secondary hypertension.". Proposed change: "Moreover, symptoms such as headache, nausea/vomiting associated with the BP above the 99th percentile+5 mmHg should be regarded as warning signs of the end organ damage and secondary hypertension."  
Answer: Thanks for your recommendation. We have corrected the sentence.
Dear Prof. Tomas T Seeman,

Enclosed is our revised manuscript (First-attack Pediatric Hypertensive Crises Presenting to the Pediatric Emergency Department). We appreciate the constructive help of your review.