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Title: Early acute pancreatitis in a child with compound heterozygosis F508-del/R1438W/Y1032C cystic fibrosis: a case report.

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Dear Editor,

attached you'll find a copy of the article entitled "Early acute pancreatitis in a child with compound heterozygosis F508del/R1438W/Y1032C cystic fibrosis: a case report". The article reports on a patient with rare mutations leading to mild form of cystic fibrosis, who presented an episode of acute pancreatitis. The paper focuses on the link between pancreatitis and cystic fibrosis. Although pancreatitis has been considered for many years as rare in cystic fibrosis, recently improved panels of DNA mutations analysis technique are revealing new CFTR gene haplotypes, usually mild, related with the development of pancreatitis. A brief review of the rare mutations found in our patient is also present.

We hope that this article could be suitable for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

We declare that we have no conflict of interests in the subject treated in the article, and that we have not received any grants or financial support for the preparation of the paper.

I declare that this paper has not been published previously and it is not currently under consideration elsewhere for publication.

Update 21/03/2013: As requested by the editorial Office, the following changes have been performed in a first revision of the manuscript:

1) Keywords are now after the abstract

2) Ethnicity and age of the patient have been included in the abstract and in case presentation
3) In the last section of the manuscript, after the authors’ contribution, we added a statement with the confirm that we have obtained written informed consent from the patient’s legal guardian for publication of the case.

4) A signed copy of the parents consent is included among the files uploaded

Thank you for your consideration,

Salvatore Leonardi