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Title: Classification of pediatric functional gastrointestinal disorders related to abdominal pain using Rome III vs. Rome IV criterions

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Dear Editor:

We thank the reviewers for their assessment of the manuscript “Classification of pediatric functional gastrointestinal disorders related to abdominal pain using Rome III vs. Rome IV criterions.” Reviewers 1 and 3 had no comments. With regard to the comments made by Reviewer 2:

1. The first paragraph of the introduction contains a history of Rome criteria followed by a listing of the Rome III and Rome IV criteria. We have included the most current references that we thought were relevant to the current paper (Ref. #s 5, 6, 8, and 9). We would be happy to include other references if there are specific recommendations.

2. H. pylori was changed to italics in the first paragraph of “Study cohort and exclusion criteria” on pg. 6. The reason for the age range of 8 to 17 is that this is the range we see in
the abdominal pain clinic because most of the psychosocial questionnaires we utilize have been validated for this age group and not younger children.

3. We pulled most of the data previously in the 2nd paragraph of Results (pg. 8) and placed it in Figure 1. Our other data did not seem to lend themselves to improved presentation in a figure but we would be happy to add other figures/graphs that you recommend. Also, we added the absolute numbers to Table 1 as recommended.

Thank you for your consideration of the revised manuscript. Please let me know if you have any questions or other alterations that you would recommend.

Sincerely,

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