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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Journal of Pediatric Research</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AJPR_122516</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Usefulness of Colonoscopy in Paediatric Lower Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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#### **PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>		
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>		
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>		
<b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>		
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>		
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consider adding a brief paragraph about the potential benefits of early detection and treatment of lower gastrointestinal disorders in children in the introduction part.</li><li>2. The methods section mentions different bowel preparation protocols for various age groups. Consider providing more detailed information about the specific protocols used, including the dosage and timing of medications. Moreover, more details about the sedation protocol, including dosage, should be provided.</li><li>3. The results mention that 25 patients were excluded due to incomplete data. Consider providing more specific information about the nature of the incomplete data and why these patients were excluded.</li><li>4. The results don't mention the specific criteria used to define each finding (e.g., how "deformed IC valve" was defined). This information should be included.</li><li>5. Provide more explanations about the limitations of the study (for example: the study was retrospective, meaning data was collected from existing records. This limits the ability to control for potential biases and confounding factors that may not have been recorded, while the sample size of 105 patients is reasonable, it may not be large enough to draw definitive conclusions about the prevalence of certain findings and ...) and consider conducting recommendations for further researches.</li><li>6. one of the references is very old (number 10). It is better to change it with a newer source.</li></ol> <p>This manuscript contributes valuable data to understanding lower gastrointestinal disorders in pediatric populations, particularly in South Asia. The study's focus on a region with limited data on this topic makes it relevant for the scientific community, as it provides insights into the prevalence of specific findings and diagnoses in this context. While the study's retrospective design and limited sample size warrant consideration, the findings on the diagnostic yield of colonoscopy and the prevalence of conditions like IBD in this population are noteworthy and warrant further investigation.</p> <p>Yes. The title is suitable. It accurately reflects the content of the article, which focuses on the findings of colonoscopy in children and its diagnostic and therapeutic value. Yes, the abstract appears comprehensive.</p> <p>Yes, the subsections and structure of the manuscript appear to be appropriate.</p> <p>The manuscript demonstrates scientific correctness by adhering to established research methodologies and presenting data in a clear and organized manner. The study design, data collection methods, and statistical analysis are described in sufficient detail, allowing for replication and evaluation by other researchers. The findings are presented objectively, with appropriate use of tables and figures to illustrate the data. The discussion section effectively interprets the results, compares them to existing literature, and acknowledges limitations, contributing to the scientific robustness of the manuscript.</p> <p>Reference number 10 is old and it is better to change it with a new one. Other references appear to be sufficient and recent. There is no immediate need for additional references</p> <p>Yes, the language/English quality of the article is suitable for scholarly communications. However, there are some minor grammatical and stylistic errors that could be corrected to enhance the clarity and professionalism of the writing</p>	

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