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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript.

Title: Characteristics of allergic colitis in breast-fed infants in the absence of cow's milk allergy

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We are very pleased that you found our paper interesting. Thank you for your comments.

We agree that our number of patients enrolled in this study is not high. However, invasive procedure such as colonoscopy under general anesthesia in infants is a limiting issue.

The most cited 3 papers published in this topic showed similar numbers of patients enrolled (14-40-22 patients):

1. Lucarelli S, Di Nardo G, Lastrucci G, D'Alfonso Y, Marcheggiano A, Federici T, Frediani S, Frediani T, Cucchiara S. Allergic proctocolitis refractory to maternal hypoallergenic diet in exclusively breast-fed infants: a clinical observation. *BMC Gastroenterol.* 2011 Jul 16;11:82.

14 patients

2. Arvola T, Ruuska T, Keränen J, Hyöty H, Salminen S, Isolauri E. Rectal bleeding in infancy: clinical, allergological, and microbiological examination. *Pediatrics.* 2006 Apr;117(4):e760-8.

40 patients

3. Xanthakos SA, Schwimmer JB, Melin-Aldana H, Rothenberg ME, Witte DP, Cohen MB. Prevalence and outcome of allergic colitis in healthy infants with rectal bleeding: a prospective cohort study. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2005 Jul;41(1):16-22.

22 patients

Please, find our revised manuscript attached.

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