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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Lengthy article, the results were repeated in the discussion section. Need to be more crispy. What was the power of the work?



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The paper is well done and presented. All the criteria for a correct presentation were respected. The research was conducted randomized , partly double blind with informed consent and with the acceptance of ethical committee. The lack of a contro Group is justified by the goal of the paper that is reported on page n 21 (my suggestion is to report it in the abstract and in the introduction). Readig the results I feel a little bit confused from the data (56 pts - 4 - 6 = 46 total) that are more clarified from the figure 1. I suggest to ameliorate the exposition and to erase from line 353 to 358 in which are discussed data not reported in the study. Last suggestion to add the comment that numbers are little and a further implementation is going on . My best compliments to the Authors for the correctness and completeness in the presentation



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In their work, “Effects of carob-bean gum thickened formulas on infants’ reflux and tolerance indices”, the authors Georgieva et al. present a very clear and well conducted, controlled randomized study analysing the effects of three different anti-reflux formulas for infants with gastro-esophageal reflux (excluding complicated cases). The study included not too many, but a sufficient number of patients, it was performed for a relatively short period of time, but probably just sufficient. It is well described, and the results are conclusive and helpful. Some additional information should be given: - what is the chemical basis of cold or hot soluble forms of galactomannans, as basis of the formulas? - the inclusion criteria should be highlighted more clearly Some aspects would have been helpful for future studies, but cannot be included in this study: - are there methods to assess whether the babies liked the food? - was there any influence on the gastrointestinal flora - which may be of great relevance for feeding difficulties as much as for weight gains? Since some effects on gastrointestinal flora may take some time, the given observation time might be too short to answer these questions Finally, it may also be asked, if the infants were in fact healthy, which benefit introducing such a



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formula really has; i.e., in which cases gastroesophageal reflux really requires a dietary intervention. These questions should be discussed more in detail in the discussion. Minor points: line 448: instead of In this study infants were provided with the thickened formula after been fed with a standard formula for two weeks. better write In this study infants were provided with the thickened formula after having been fed with a standard formula for two weeks.