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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 3804-review.doc).

Title: Use of exclusive enteral nutrition in adults with Crohn's disease: A review

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We thank you for your email, dated 21st July 2013, regarding the review of this manuscript. We thank the reviewers for their helpful comments, and wish to comment on these in a point by point fashion. We have incorporated these suggestions into a revised manuscript as attached. Changes are highlighted with yellow.

Responses to Comments from Reviewer 1

Comment 1: "it could be interesting to further comment on the differences in the study groups". We feel that the differences between the study groups has been thoroughly explored within the text of the manuscript. Unfortunately the published studies have tended to include small groups of patients, precluding detailed analyses.

Comment 2: to date no difference in induction of remission has been found between amino acid elemental formulae compared with protein intact polymeric formulae. Also the protein fraction and the fat composition of regular commercially available formulae do not appear to impact on mucosal healing. A sentence has been added to the discussion (pg 23) noting this.

Responses to Comments from Reviewer 2

Comment 1: as recommended we have added a more detailed explanation of EEN in the introduction.

Comment 2: we have clarified if usual dose of CS was oral or not published in studies.

Comment 3: we have changed wording regarding “likely underpowered” as suggested.

Comment 4: we have suggested future research avenues in the conclusion as suggested

Comment 5: in the introduction we have mentioned that usual diet is gradually introduced post EEN and commented further on the research pertaining to the durability of the effect of EEN.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration of this revised manuscript. We look forward to your comments regarding this work.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Wall