Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15967-review.doc).

Title: Obtaining Research Biopsies During Pediatric Colonoscopy: Safety and Adverse Events

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Reviewer 1: No comments

Reviewer 2: How do the journal's readers use this knowledge into their clinical practice?

Clinical practice may be influenced by this study in that physicians who do translational research may use our article as a reference of safety when obtaining additional biopsies, noted in the first paragraph of the discussion. Additionally readers may use our outcome data when consenting and explaining procedures to pediatric patients.

Reviewer 3:

(1) The study is a retrospective study. Some limitations might be occurred.

The study is a retrospective study with limitations is now mentioned in the discussion (last paragraph).

(2) It is also a low sample size.

This was originally as a limitation of the study, mentioned in the last paragraph of the discussion.

(3) The patients participating in research might be well selected and prepared. It could not represent the general population.

This has been added to the discussion (See last paragraph of the discussion)

(4) In the research study, the operators are experienced endoscopists. The endoscopy-related adverse events may be lower than the real situation.

In our facility, which is a children's hospital, all physicians are experienced endoscopists.

(5) The authors did not show the type of anesthetic techniques and anesthetic agents used for this study. Please add the type of anesthetic techniques and anesthetic agents used in the text.

This has been added to the first paragraph of the Methods section.

(6) According to No 5, the type of anesthetic techniques might be influenced the outcome of the study. For example, sedation technique could produce higher adverse events

than the general anesthesia technique.

All anesthesia was provided by pediatric anesthesiologists which has been added to the first paragraph of the methods section. Serious adverse events did not occur and so it is not applicable to compare anesthetic agents.

(7) Finally, the authors should to recommend the readers to apply this knowledge into the routine clinical practice.

Please see our response to reviewer number 2.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 Editor's Note: Please provide the following 5 files related to academic rules and norms before the final acceptance of their original article for publication:

Statistics were performed by Jennifer Mait and Stacie Kahn, who have experience with statistics. If further review is required, please select an additional statistician.

5 In order to attract readers to read your full-text article, we request that the first author make an audio file describing your final core tip.

The authors do not wish to submit an audio file at this time.

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