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**Response to the reviewers**

**Clinical criteria at birth predictive of the severity of gastroschisis**

**Reviewer 1**

**Evolution of the children's series to date**

- **R:** The follow-up and the evolution of the 60 children will be published in another paper because they are part of a new study.

**Reviewer 2**

**Decision criteria of starting nasogastric milk feeding or weaning TPN with or without surgery**

**R: page 7, lines 19-22:** Oral feeding was started as soon as possible through a gastric catheter. One ml per hour was given at the beginning, and this amount was gradually increased depending on the color and quantity of fluid aspiration, the abdominal distention and stools production. The amount needed for full feeding was determined by the weight of the baby.

**Page 5: over eight-year period**

- **R:** correction done, **page 6 line 9**

### Reviewer 3

#### Title

#### Expectations were not met

- **R:** new title proposed: Predictive factors at birth of the severity of gastroschisis

#### Results

#### The rate of bowel inflammation is a bit large and is highly dependant on surgeon

**R:** I do agree with this statement. That is why I wrote **page 12, lines 12-13:** The condition of the externalized bowel loops can be difficult to evaluate, and its appreciation is largely subjective and without predictive value.