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Title: Histopathological Changes in Anatomical Distribution of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Children: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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The Editor,
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Dear Editor

Re: Original article MS: 1970843853655696
“Histopathological Changes in Anatomical Distribution of Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Children: A Retrospective Cohort Study”

Thanks very much for considering the above manuscript for publication in BMC Pediatrics.

There is no prior publication or submission with any overlapping information. There is no potential conflict of interest. This work is not and will not be submitted to any other journal while under consideration by BMC Pediatrics.

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We responded to reviewers’ comments as follows (point by point response to reviewers’ comments):

A) Reviewer 1: (Hoda M Malaty)
1) We thank the reviewer for the positive comments
2) We changed re-did the figures in a simplified way as suggested.

B) Reviewer 2 (David R Mack):
1-4) Methods: the information requested was added.
5) Rectal sparing was relative (clarified)
6) In Crohn’s disease group, the majority of UGI group had other sites affected. This was clarified in the text.
7) The title was changed as suggested
8-10) The changes requested in the abstract were done
11) The wording requested in the methodology was done
11-12) the additions requested in the discussion part were added.
13) The text was reviewed and typo errors were amended.

C) Reviewer 3 (Gamal Mahdi)
1) We added some data that were requested (methodology).
2) Disease behavior was not addressed in this study.
3) We changed the terminology requested by the reviewer.

We hope that the manuscript will be accepted for publication

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