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RE: MS: 8173406141172559 – R2

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 06 May 2014, regarding our MS “Reduced Crying in Term Infants Fed High Beta-Palmitate Formula: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Clinical Trial” and for the invitation to address the comments, revise and resubmit. Changes have been made in the MS in accordance with the comments. A point-by-point response and a revised version of the MS with changes highlighted are enclosed.

As suggested, the MS was copyedited to improve the style of written English by a professional language editing service [American Journal Experts (AJE)].

We appreciate the opportunity to resubmit this research and hope that it will now be found suitable for publication in BMC Pediatrics.

Sincerely yours,

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The Editor would appreciate if you could address the following comments.

(I) Page 6 Paragraph 1 Line 12 - Table 1 does not contain any comparison of the two formula preparations.

Thank you. This was removed from the revised version.

(II) Page 8 Paragraph 3 Line 1 - Maternal and infant characteristics are presented in Table 1 and NOT in Table 2.

Corrected, thank you.

(III) Pages 8 and 9. Variables in Tables such as gestational age, formula consumption, weight etc are referred to without the prefix "mean" while indeed the tables contained mean values in most instances.

We added the prefix mean before the relevant variables in the text. We hope that now we understood the reviewer's intention in this comment.

(IV) Page 9 - Authors cannot make reference to growth velocity from mean weight. I should imagine that the data on weight velocity has no direct bearing to the objective of the study and it may be better expunged."

Thank you. As suggested, the reference to weight velocity was removed from the text.