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Enclosed, please find the revision version of manuscript of our work entitled: “Mode of delivery and other risk factors for Escherichia coli infections in very-low birth weight infants” by Agnieszka Chmielarczyk, Jadwiga Wójkowska-Mach, Dorota Romaniszyn, Paweł Adamski, Ewa Helwich, Ryszard Lauterbach, Monika Pobiega, Maria Borszewska-Kornacka, Ewa Gulczyńska, Agnieszka Kordek, and Piotr B. Heczko.

The aim of the study was to describe the epidemiological situation concerning Escherichia coli infections among very low birth weight neonates in Poland. The data presented in the paper should add useful knowledge about Escherichia coli infections. The study was based on a relatively large cohort and covered numerous aspects of such infections: risk factors, morbidity and mortality rates as far as antibiotic resistance of E.coli strains.

To our knowledge few data about such infections in paediatric patients is available in the European literature. The authors would also like to consider the possibility of using data on Escherichia coli infection in assessing the quality of perinatal care.

All of the named authors have read and approve the manuscript and also state that the whole submission is original/unpublished and has not been simultaneously submitted to any other journal.

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Answer to reviewer 1 - Stefania Giedrys-Kalemba

1. Line 340 was corrected.
2. Small mistakes in references were corrected.
3. Language corrections were done in professional scientific language service Edanz.
Answer to reviewer 2 – Imad R Makhoul

1. Manuscript was shortened in section Background (lines 115-122, 131-133; a total of 11 lines) and in section Methods (lines 160-184, 193-194, 196-197, 206-213; a total of 37 lines)

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If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
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