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Title: Isolated colon ischemia with Norovirus infection in preterm babies. Is this a new entity? A case series

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To the Editor of Journal of Medical Case Reports

Dear Sir,

here inclosed you will find the case series entitled Isolated colon ischemia with Norovirus infection in preterm babies. Is this a new entity? A case series which I submit, on behalf of the other Authors, for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports

We present 3 cases of NoV infection associated with extensive inflammation and ischemia restricted to the large bowel. We hypothesize that NoV infection may be responsible for severe, distinctive colonic lesions, even in premature newborn infants.

We certify that this work is original. All Authors have contributed significantly to the paper, have read and approved the submission of the manuscript. This paper is not under consideration elsewhere, none of the paper’s content have been previously published in any part. There is no conflict of interests in connections with this study or any potential relationship with industry, for any of the Authors.

In the revised version we included:
-the ethnicity, sex and age of the patients in the abstract and in the case presentation (see table 1)
-a consent section at the end of the manuscript before the reference list
-a competing interests section at the end of the manuscript before the reference list
-the authors contribution section

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