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Dear editor
Thank you very much for insightful comments and spending time to improve our manuscript.

Comment 1: Do you ask about diarrhea, abdominal distension or atopic symptoms? (important for Blastocystis). If you do not collect this information, please explain reasons for this.
Unfortunately, clinical symptoms were not considered in this study. At the start of this research project, we used several studies as guides (Listed below) and our data was collected based on what they reported. In these studies, symptoms don’t collect or analyzed. This is, of course, our fault because we should fix this defect in our study.

Comment 2: A minor change in Table 1: please delete column with Odds Ratio, it is redundant, you can only show the Adjusted Odds Ratio.

The crude and adjusted odds ratios are reported in Table 3. As you know in the adjusted model the effect of a specific variable is evaluated independently of the other variables in the model (potential confounder). Reporting the unadjusted (crude) effect of each variable regardless of the effect of potential confounding variables and compare it with the adjusted values that can indicate the amount of confounded association. In other words, the unadjusted (crude) odds ratio provides a criterion to a reasonable comparison for the readers.

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