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Re: BPED-D-15-00118R1

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Dear Editor:

We would like to thank you for reviewing our revised manuscript. We appreciated the comments and suggestions. The following are our point to point responses to the reviewer’ questions and editorial comments.

A native English speaking colleague, Dr. Craig Friesen (Children’s Mercy Hospital Kansas City) has copyedited our manuscript.
Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer 1: No questions.

Reviewer 2:

1. The typo “ascies” is corrected to “ascites”.

2. Barium studies:

We agree that barium studies may not add a great deal to this manuscript, but we still think that it is important to shown the incomplete jejunal obstruction with delayed transit and subsequent some degree of gastrointestinal motility improvement with our 3 barium studies over time.

3. Operative photos and/or macroscopic pathology specimen:
We agree with the reviewer that inclusion of operative photos and/or macroscopic pathology specimen would be ideally added to the manuscript. However, as you pointed out, this is not possible now since operative photos were not taken at the time.

4. IgG4-related sclerosing mesenteritis:

As suggested, we added a paragraph and 3 references in discussion section as follows (page 8, 2nd paragraph):

“A recently defined subtype, IgG4-related sclerosing mesenteritis, has been reported to be closely related to IgG4-related disease and one such case was reported in children [8-10]. In our case, IgG4 serum subclass levels or tissue immunohistochemistry were not performed”.