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1)The authors should provide information about how they will enforce data entry, which includes long-term follow-up. Is access to human milk bank linked to participation in the database entry?

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line133-135** .As a general rule, when using donor milk from a breast milk bank, it is required to be registered in the database.

2) Limitations of this database, Clarification is needed about “Reliability and continuity”

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line97-102**. Limitations of this database include 1) lack of control data, absence of information about babies who do not have donor breast milk.2) To ensure reliability, the data input by two different people is compared. However, the input of this database does not make a request. Instead, database management is regularly viewed by neonatologists so that personnel can be emailed to confirm if clinically apparently inconsistent data has been entered.

3)Continuity: I suspect the authors mean completeness of data entry. There is a process to establish this by emailing centers about incomplete data, as explained on lines 237-240. This information could be moved to lines 119-129.

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line 93-96**. Additionally, the system was set to dispatch reminder emails automatically to the person in charge when the follow-up data items necessary to be entered at specified ages for each of the cases were not completed on time to avoid input omissions or oversight due to changes in the person in charge.

4) Lines 138-139: “However, it was limited to the data entered at the concerned facility only.” There should be justification for this.

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line111-114**. The reason why the information described by other facilities is not accessible is to protect personal information. Only breast milk bank managers can search the entire database.

5) Lines 218-221: The formula does not seem to match the definition.

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line196-197**. (total own mother’s milk dosage for one week ÷ total enteral nutrition dosage for one week) × 100.

6) Lines 62-63: Replace “the yearly transition of neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) discharge mortality rate has improved” with “neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) discharge mortality rate has improved”

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line26-27**.From 2003 to 2015, neonatal intensive care unit(NICU) discharge mortality rate has improved.

7) Minor grammatical/spelling mistakes need to be corrected, approves instead of approve on line 152.

Response⇒Changed the following statement to **Line127**.

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