

### **EDITORIAL COMMENTS:**

A number of observations have been made that require some consideration, but in general I found the Ms much improved as well as the photos and Figure 3. Please see the attachment.

### **AURTHOR'S FEEDBACK:**

#### **\* Comments highlighted in the manuscript [RGK1 - 4]:**

- **Comment 1:** the sentence has been changed as required by the reviewer. The word incidence is omitted and the meaning was adapted accordingly to the review article used as a reference herein.
- **Comment 2 and 3:** please refer to annex 1 (attached \*PDF file); these forms have been reported in previous studies and might be expected in stool specimens even though at discrepant probabilities. In our case both cystic and vacuolar forms were seen in all samples, and granular forms in one sample.
- **Comment 4:** concentrations were first reported as n/2ml (2ml was the culture volume and we first standardized concentrations as n/2ml) but a reviewer required to report concentrations as n/ml instead of n/2ml, so numbers are rewrote as n/ml (simply by dividing by 2). Also as required by a reviewer, P values should be reported as \*\*P< or > 0.05.
- **Comment 5-19 in References:** All references were rewrote and revised accordingly the Journal guidelines [Journal names are abbreviated and all scientific organisms' names are in italics].