



EDITORIAL

The ANALES DE PEDIATRÍA editors annual report[☆]

Informe anual de los editores de ANALES DE PEDIATRÍA



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In this editorial, as has become our tradition, the editors of *Anales de Pediatría* summarise the proceedings, results and changes occurred in the past year of activity.¹ Along with our usual assessment of manuscript processing, the visibility of the journal and the awards given, we review new developments, such as the transition to a new editorial team, actions taken to address the conflicts of interest of editors, the introduction of verification checklists for reviewers, and aspects associated with article submission by authors. The policies and effort of the editors that preceded us² succeeded in maintaining the upward trend in the visibility of the journal in 2017, and preliminary data suggest that its impact factor has also continued to increase.

Changes in the editorial team

In 2017 there was a seamless transition to a new editorial team that did not result in any delays in the journal's operations.^{2,3} A competent coordination of this transition has been key to firmly maintain the course established by the previous team to improve manuscript processing and increase the visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*.

Processing of manuscripts

The total number of manuscripts submitted to the journal has declined slightly, from 695 in 2016 to 640 in 2017, with a concurrent reduction in the acceptance rate, from 33.9% to 25.3% (Fig. 1), which probably reflects the application of more stringent criteria for publication. The analysis of the distribution of submitted papers by type of article (Fig. 2) shows little variation in the past 3 years, with a mild increase in the proportion of original articles relative to the proportion of scientific letters and letters to the editor. Fig. 3 shows the trends in the number of submissions of original articles with the corresponding acceptance rate. The number of articles submitted has remained stable in recent years (between 250 and 300), while the acceptance rate has declined (from 24% in 2016 to 20.9% in 2017). The distribution by type of the articles published in 2017 was the following: 70 original articles (64 in 2016), 28 scientific letters (41 in 2016), 17 letters to the editor (23 in 2016) and 16 special articles and articles by the AEP (16 in 2016).

The time elapsed from receipt of the manuscript to editorial decision continues to be adequate (Fig. 4): 1.9 days from receipt of the manuscript in *Anales de Pediatría* to assignment to the editor-in-chief; 5.5 days from editor assignment to submission for peer review; 9.3 days from submission to peer review to the first editorial decision (it has decreased from 14 days in 2016, to approximate the shorter time of 9.8 days in 2015); and 6.2 weeks from acceptance of the manuscript to "ahead of print" online publication and indexing in PubMed, allowing citing of the article, an interval that was exactly the same as in 2016. This interval, achieved in 2016, was three weeks shorter compared to 2014.

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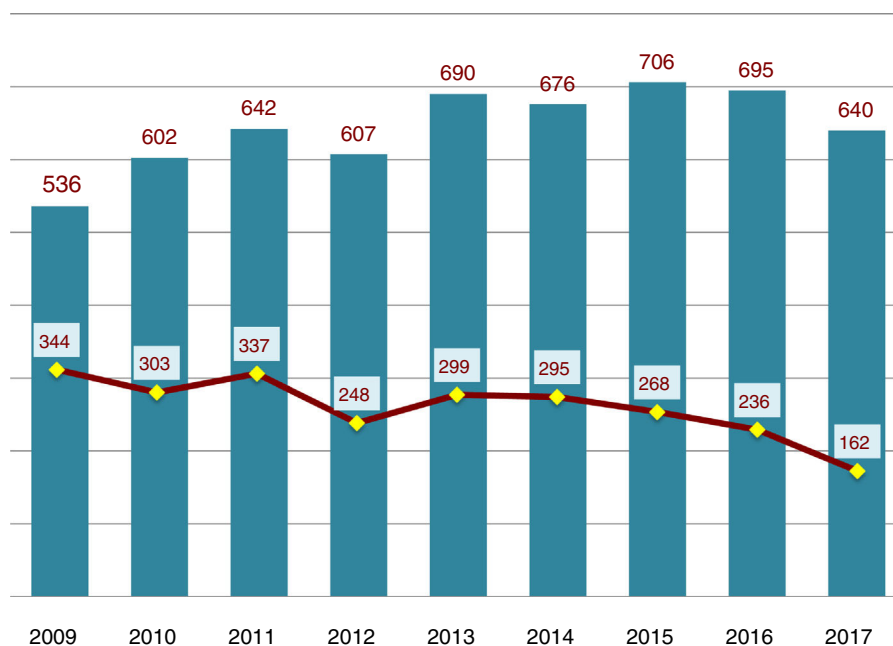


Figure 1 Annual changes in the total number of received and accepted manuscripts, years 2009–2017.

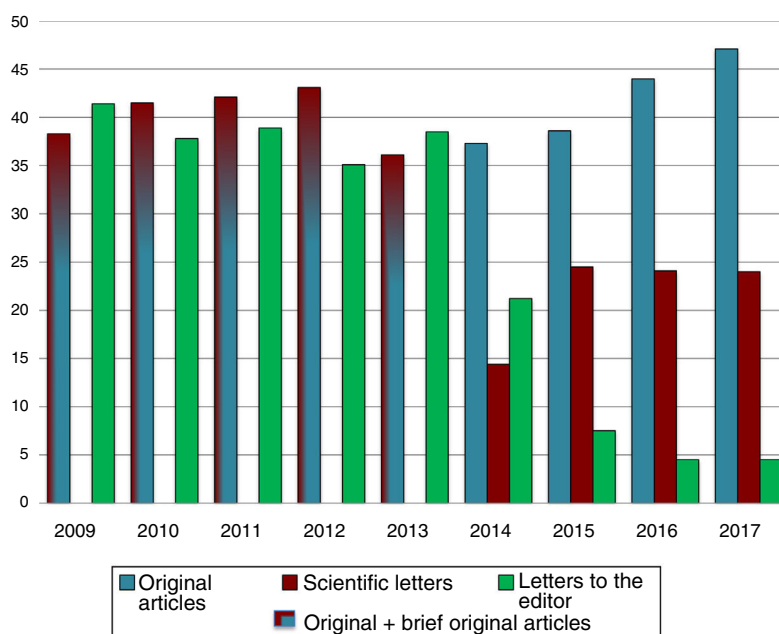


Figure 2 Annual changes in the percentage of original articles, scientific letters and letters to the editor submitted to *Anales*.

Visibility of *Anales*

The increased visibility of *Anales de Pediatría* has been consolidated, thanks, among other factors, to its simultaneous publication in Spanish and English. The number of visits to the *Anales* website increased by nearly half a million relative to 2016, exceeding 2 700 000 visits (Fig. 5), with visits made most frequently from Spain (amounting to more than 25% of the total) and Mexico (nearly 20%). For the first time, the number of visits received through ScienceDirect exceeded

1 million (Fig. 6), with 75% of these visits made from the United States (Fig. 7).

Conflicts of interest

Given the ongoing debate on the conflicts of interest of medical journal editors and the publication of a letter to the editor on this subject,⁴ we deemed it appropriate to declare our potential conflicts of interest, while remaining aware of the complexity of the situation and that the matter is not resolved with this decision.⁵ This statement can

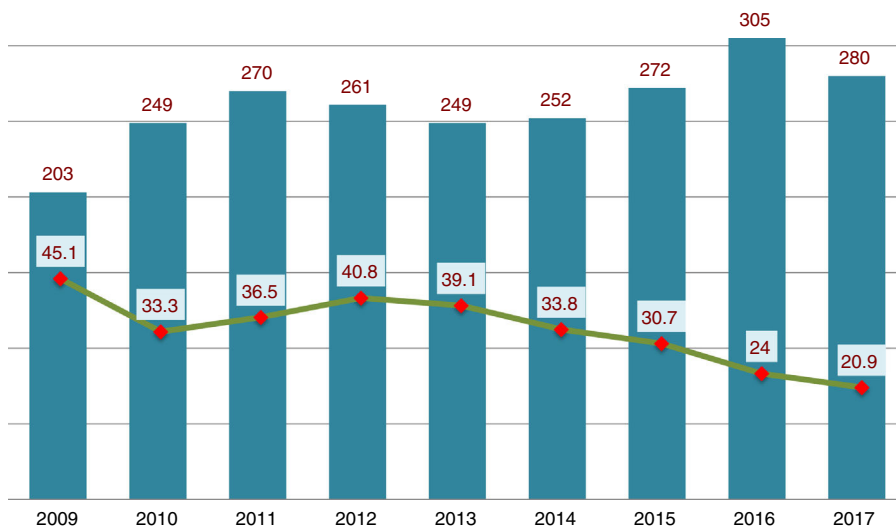


Figure 3 Annual changes in the total number of received original article manuscripts and the percentage accepted.

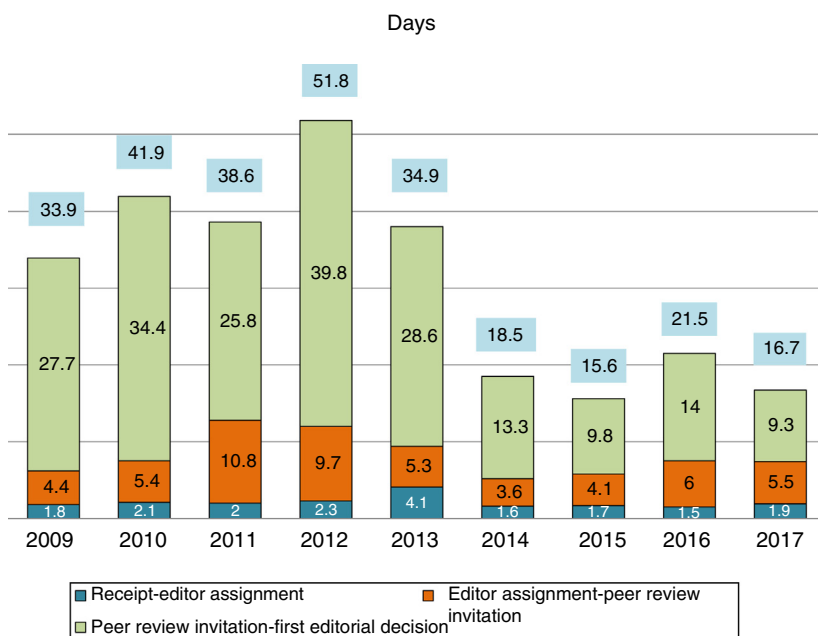


Figure 4 Mean manuscript processing times.

be found in a tab labelled *Conflicts of Interest* newly added to the website of *Anales*, next to the *Editorial Board* tab.

Peer reviewers

We feel compelled at every opportunity to emphasise the essential role of reviewers in the smooth operation of *Anales de Pediatría*. The quality and speed of their work is key in improving manuscript processing times and the selection of the finest articles. Table 1 presents the reviewers that have collaborated with *Anales de Pediatría* in 2017 in recognition of their invaluable work. One of the new elements we have introduced with the aim of making the review process as precise and organised as possible is the reviewer verification checklist, which is available in two formats: a very

short one, which must always be submitted with the review, and another that is longer and of optional submission, available in a document that the reviewer can access through the reviewer’s menu.

Authors

Manuscript authors provide *Anales de Pediatría* with the necessary content to fulfil the journal’s mission of contributing to the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the field of paediatrics. With the aim of facilitating the administrative process of submitting manuscripts through our system, we eliminated requirement of submitting a scanned cover letter with the signatures of the authors, replacing it by notification to each author of their authorship in the article by electronic mail.

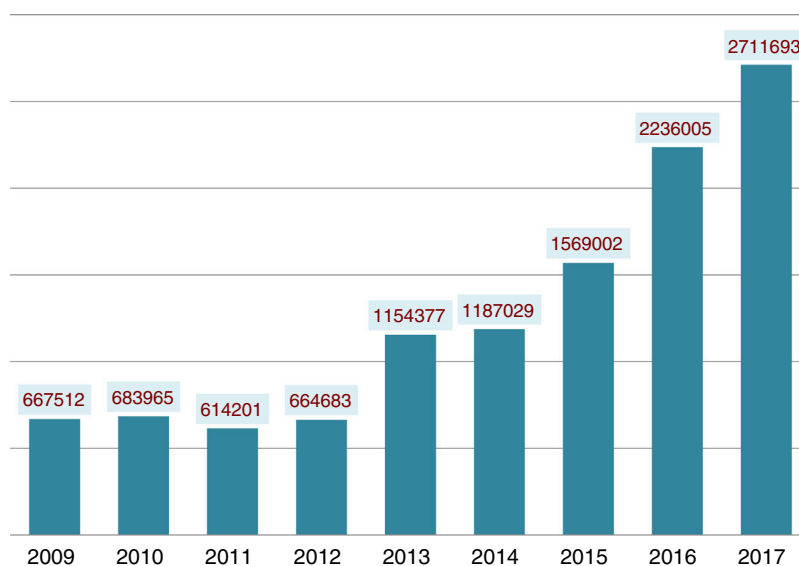


Figure 5 Visibility of *Anales de Pediatría*. Number of visits to the website (<http://www.analesdepediatria.org>).

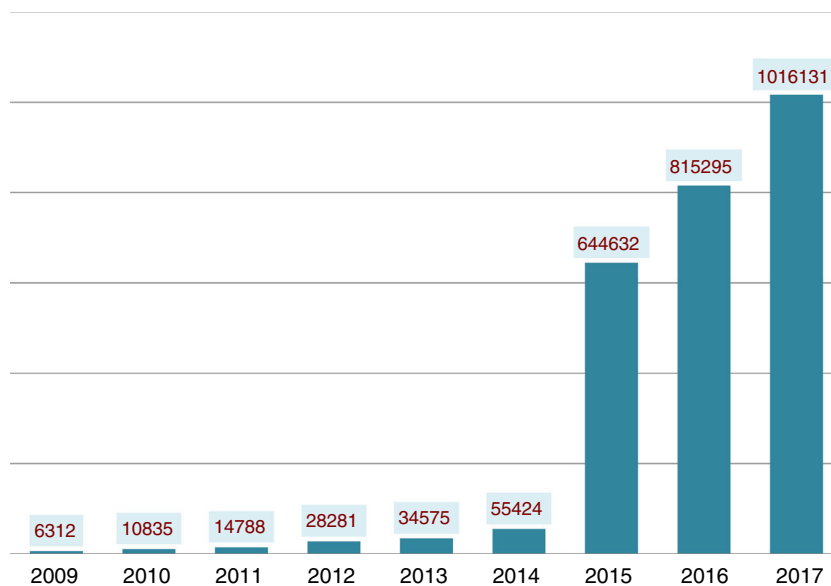


Figure 6 Percentage of visits received through ScienceDirect.

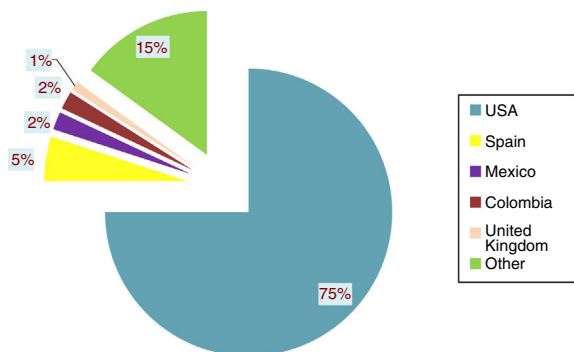


Figure 7 Percentage of visits by country of origin (ScienceDirect).

With the enactment of the new General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union, publishing houses must keep a register of all data processing activities and guarantee privacy in all its systems. In consequence, we can no longer ask authors to submit the informed consent (IC) of patients, nor store such information. To address this issue, we decided to replace the submission of informed consent documentation we previously required with submission of a statement where the authors declare that they possess proof of informed consent and could access it should it be necessary.

As is habitually done in other scientific journals, *Anales de Pediatría* has now made it requisite to nominate one or two reviewers depending on the type of article. The aim is to promote the collaboration of authors, who are experts on the subject of the article submitted for publication, in the designation of the most suitable reviewers for their work.

Table 1 Professionals that have collaborated as reviewers in 2017.

Susana	Alberola
Dimpna Calila	Albert
Andrés José	Alcaraz
José Juan	Alcon
Luis	Aldamiz-Echevarria
Victor	Alegre
Carme	Alejandro
Xavier	Allue
María Teresa	Alonso
José Lorenzo	Alonso Calderón
María N.	Altet
Pablo	Álvarez
Francisco	Álvarez
Ignacio	Álvarez Álvarez
Guillermo	Álvarez Calatayud
Julio	Álvarez-Pitti
Fernando	Álvez
Valentín	Alzina
Amparo	Sanchís
Jesús	Andrés Llano
Anselmo	Andrés Martín
Montserrat	Antón Gamero
Juan L.	Antón-Pacheco
Susana	Ares
Jesús	Argente
Juan	Arnaez
Leonor	Arranz Arana
Ignacio	Arroyo Carrera
Josep	Artigas Pallares
Itziar	Astigarraga
Alejandro	Avila-Álvarez
Javier	Ayala Curiel
Beatriz	Azcunaga
M ^a Pilar	Bahillo-Curieses
Albert	Balaguer
Josep Vicent	Balaguer
Ester	Banus Gasol
Isabel	Barrio
Eulalia	Baselga
Adolfo	Bautista Casanovas
Mercedes	Belinchón
Isabel	Belinchón Romero
Javier	Benítez Porres
Javier	Benito Fernández
Josue Eduardo	Betancourth
Ana C.	Blanchard
Alfredo	Blanco Quirós
Daniel	Blázquez-Gamero
María Teresa	Bordel Gómez
Francesc	Botet-Mussons
Carlos	Bousoño García
José-Rafael	Bretón
Jesús	Broto Mangues
Guillermo	Burillo Putze
Gerardo	Bustos Lozano
Francisco Javier	Caballero Mora
Paloma	Cabanas Rodríguez
Cristina	Calvo

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María	Camacho
Ana	Camacho Salas
Francisco José	Cambra Lasaosa
Minia	Campos Domínguez
Ramón	Cañete
Adela	Cañete
Alfredo	Cano-Garcinuño
Roque	Cardona-Hernández
Antonio	Carrascosa
Irene	Casares-Alonso
Félix	Castillo Salinas
Francisco José	Chicano Marín
María J.	Chueca Guindalain
M José	Cillereulo
María Luz	Cilleruelo Pascual
Eva	Civantes
Andrés	Concha-Torre
Ana	Concheiro
Antonio José	Conejo-Fernández
Carla	Contreras Narvaez
María L.	Couce
José Antonio	Couceiro Gianzo
David	Crespo Marcos
Ofelia	Cruz Martínez
Marta	Cruz-Cañete
Mercedes	de la Torre
Diego	de Sotto-Esteban
Guadalupe	del Castillo Aguas
Teresa	del Moral
Teresa	del Rosal
Xavier	Demestre
Juan José	Díaz Martín
Ignacio	Díez López
Izaksun	Dorronsoró
Teodoro	Dura
Jesús	Eiris Puñal
Iñaki	Eizaguirre
Juan	Elías Pollina
Dolores	Elorza
José Luis	Encinas
Amparo	Escribano Montaner
Beatriz	Espin Jaime
Rafael	Espino
Mar	Espino Hernández
Rafael	F-Delgado
Manuel	Fernández
Belén	Fernández-Colomer
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María	Fernández-Ibieta
Israel	Fernández-Pineda
Ana	Fernández-Teijeiro
Josep	Figueras-Aloy
Joan	Figuerola
Jose Carlos	Flores-González
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Victoria	Fumado
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María	Garcés-Sánchez
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Ainhoa	García Ribes
Oscar	García-Algar
Alfredo	García-Alix
Víctor Manuel	García-Nieto
Ignacio	García-Nuñez
Maite	Gárriz
Ángel	Gil
Javier	Gil Antón
Teresa	Gili
Ignacio	Ginebreda
Pedro	Gómez de Quero Masía
Andrés	Gómez Fraile
Elena	Gómez Guzmán
Javier Ricardo	Gómez Veiras
José	Gómez Vida
David	Gómez-Pastrana
María	González Balenciaga
Hermenegildo	González García
Domingo	González Lamuño
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Arturo	Hernández
Ramón	Hernández Rastrollo
María Teresa	Hernández-Aguilar
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Belén	Huidobro
José Antonio	Hurtado Suazo
Ignacio	Ibarra
Estíbaliz	Iglesias
Dámaso	Infante
Iñaki	Irastorza Terradillos
Paloma	Jara Vega
Santiago	Jiménez Treviño
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Iolanda	Jordán García
Antonio	Juan Ribelles
Moisés	Labrador-Horillo
Pablo	Lapunzina
Juan José	Lasarte
Cristian	Launes Montaña
Karimen	León-Flández
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Itxaso	Martí
Ana	Martín Ancel
Jesús	Martín-Calama Valero
Carmen	Martínez
Pablo	Martínez-Camblor
Antonio	Martínez-Monseny
Jose	Martínez-Orgado
Federico	Martinón-Torres
José Manuel	Marugán Miguelsanz
Juan	Mayordomo-Colunga
Silvia	Meavilla Olivas
Alberto	Medina
Enrique	Medina Benítez
Constancio	Medrano López
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David	Pérez Solís
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Alejandro	Pérez-Muñuzuri
Javier	Pilar
Roi	Piñeiro Pérez
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Manuel	Pons
Manuel	Praena Crespo
Gemma	Pujol Muncunill
Luis	Rajmil

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Luis	Renter Valdovinos
Corsino	Rey
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Itxaso	Rica
Silvia	Ricard
Segundo	Rite Gracia
Josefa	Rivera
Julián	Rodríguez
Juan	Rodríguez-Delgado
Rosa	Rodríguez Fernández
Antonio	Rodríguez Núñez
Ana Cristina	Rodríguez-Dehli
Enriqueta	Román
Miguel Ángel	Royo Bordonado
Elena	Rubio
Lorea	Ruiz
Ricardo	Ruiz Villaverde
Jesús	Ruiz-Contreras
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Luis	Salamanca Fresno
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Jesús	Sánchez Etxaniz
Manuel	Sánchez Luna
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Javier	Urbano
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Ana	Vivanco Allende

The names of contributors that have reviewed more than 3 articles are displayed in bold face.

Lastly, the Asociación Española de Pediatría remains committed to publishing the articles in *Anales de Pediatría*, its flagship journal, at no cost to authors, which combined to the free access to the journal by members of the association requires significant efforts in fundraising, all the while preserving editorial independence, which as editors we deeply value and appreciate.

Awards

This year, we have once more awarded both the Anales de Pediatría award to the best original article published in the journal, selected based on criteria similar to those used in years past,¹ and the Juan Rodríguez-Soriano award in recognition to the article that has most contributed to the impact factor of the journal in 2017. The first award has been granted to the original article "Respiratory viral infections in a cohort of children during the first year of life and their role in the development of wheezing. Cristina Calvo, Isabel Aguado, María Luz García-García, Esther Ruiz-Chercoles, Eloisa Díaz-Martinez, Rosa María Albañil, Olga Campelo, Antonio Olivas, Luisa Muñoz-Gonzalez, Francisco Pozo, Rosa Fernandez-Arroyo, Adelaida Fernandez-Rincón, Ana Calderon, Inmaculada Casas. *An Pediatr (Barc)* 2017;87:104-10", and the second to the original article "Probiotic associations in the prevention of necrotising enterocolitis and the reduction of late-onset sepsis and neonatal mortality in preterm infants under 1500 g. A systematic review" (Benjamin James Baucells, Maria Mercadal Hally, Airam Tenesor Álvarez Sánchez, Josep Figueras Aloy. *An Pediatr [Barc]* 2016;85:247-55).

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