

**Additional file 3. Differences in bifidobacterial composition of all children as assessed by using quantitative PCR.**

Bacterial group/species	Mean cell count (log)/g of faeces (SD)		p-value
	6 months (n=31)	18 months (n=24)	
<i>Bifidobacterium</i> genus	10.48 (0.54)	10.03 (0.51)	< .001
<i>B. longum</i> group	10.00 (1.25)	9.01 (1.71)	0.01
<i>B. adolescentis</i>	6.61 (2.61)	5.25 (2.57)	0.05
<i>B. bifidum</i>	6.85 (2.60)	5.52 (2.23)	0.01
<i>B. breve</i>	7.91 (1.77)	6.31 (2.37)	< .001
<i>B. catenulatum</i> group	6.60 (2.21)	5.46 (2.44)	0.07