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#### **List of Abbreviations**

α-LA α-lactalbumin

BHT Breath hydrogen test

CH<sub>4</sub> Methane

CHO Carbohydrate

cm centimeter

CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon dioxide

Cont'd Continued

dL deciliter

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Fig. Figure

GER Gastroesophageal reflux

GI Gastrointestinal

GIT Gastrointestinal tract

GLUT Glucose uptaker and transporter

gm gram

h hour

H<sub>2</sub> Hydrogen

HLD-A Hereditary lactase deficiency, Adult type

HLD-C Hereditary lactase deficiency, Congenital type

KD Kilo Dalton

Kg Kilogram

LBHT Lactose breath hydrogen test

mg milligram

min minutes

mL milliliter

Na<sup>+</sup> Sodium

 $O_2$  Oxygen

P Probability

ppm parts per million

r Correlation coefficient

SD Standard deviation

SDD Secondary disaccharidase deficiency

SGLT Sodium-dependent glucose transporter

SiO<sub>2</sub> Silicon dioxide

VIP Vasoactive intestinal peptide

Vs Versus

X<sup>2</sup> Chi-square

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# Introduction and Aim of the Work

## Introduction & Aim of The Work

The condition referred to as colic, also known as infantile, evening, or three-month colic, occupies a unique position in the realm of pediatric disorders.

Despite its salience in terms of parental distress and prevalence (Forsyth et al., 1985) its nature, cause and management remain among the least well understood.

#### What is meant by colic?

No universally accepted definition or set of diagnostic criteria exists for colic. Colic may refer to a symptom in some contexts, whereas in others it refers to a specific syndrome or medical disorder (Miller & Barr, 1991).

It is most commonly described as a behavioral syndrome characterized by excessive crying that is paroxysmal in nature, more likely to occur in the evenings, and without identifiable cause, during which an otherwise healthy infant between 2 weeks and 4 months of age is difficult to console.

Stiffening, drawing up of the legs over the abdomen and the passage of flatus are common, although, not invariable accompaniments (Miller & Barr, 1991).

Although this description is common, deciding on criteria for diagnosis is difficult.

For example, opinions differ on what constitute excessive crying. Some require that there should be many crying episodes at full force each day (Lothe & Lindberg, 1989). More commonly, criteria are based on duration rather than intensity.

The most popular is Wessel's rule of threes (3 hours of crying per day for 3 days per week for 3 weeks (Wessel et al., 1954). Others consider 2 hours (Taubman, 1988) or even 90 minutes (O'Donovan & Bradstock, 1979) of crying per day as excessive. Some authors argue that other behaviors (e.g., a pain facies) must be present as well, or that gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., diarrhoea, vomiting) must be absent in patients with colic.

This lack of a generally accepted working definition for colic has made comparison between studies difficult, as is apparent (Miller and Barr, 1991).

In recent years, colic has come under increasing scrutiny because of its clinical importance as a cause of maternal distress (Murray, 1979), a cause of discontinuation of breast feeding (Bernal, 1972), and a stimulus for child abuse (Frodi, 1981), (Hunziker & Barr, 1986).