Dear Editor,

I have read the recent publication on faecal elastase-1 (EL-1) in pediatric patients with cystic fibrosis with great interest. Gonzales et al. concluded that “The test was standardized, is easy to execute, and can be used to assess the pancreatic status of patients with cystic fibrosis.” There are, however, some concerns. First, no complete study on the diagnostic properties (sensitivity, specificity, predictive value, etc.) of the test has been reported. In addition, there is no evidence to support the conclusion on the standardization and easy-to-use property of the test. Second, it should be noted that a special diet or known disease (gastrointestinal disease, surgery, diabetes mellitus, etc.) can alter test results.

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