Author's response to reviews

Title: Field trial with oral vaccination of dogs against rabies in the Philippines

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We received the comments of one referee only. The missing reference in the text was actually not missing but it was listed with the wrong number this has been corrected in the revised manuscript. We rather would not like to shorten the list of references. Simply, because we want to incorporate as many different studies as possible. In the past, we have had reactions that certain studies/projects from other scientists were not referred to.

The editor suggested to change the title, we agreed to this and changed it as suggested. During a recent rabies meeting, the field trial was discussed with several leading rabies experts. Some of them gave some comments, and to incorporate these, we have adjusted the text accordingly. There main concern was the limited number of animals handed over for rabies diagnosis. They thought that this was a shortcoming of the study protocol. We have adapted the text, so that it becomes more clear that the problems observed were due to the typhoon.

Finally, we are aware that for all authors english is a foreign language and we hope that the editorial office will help us with the spelling and grammar.