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Professor Melissa Norton
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Dear Prof. Norton and colleagues,

Thank you very much for BMC Infectious Diseases’ consideration of our manuscript, MS: 1282135884293144, “Knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP) relating to avian influenza in urban and rural areas of China”. We appreciate the reviewer’s helpful comments and suggestions very much and have tried to address all of his concerns. In particular, two tables and paragraphs have been added to describe the multivariate analysis for possible influencing factors of knowledge and attitude scores among urban residents in Shenzhen City and rural villagers in Xiuning County, as suggested. We have also added the median score and interquartile range (IQR) for knowledge and attitudes of the two groups, and a comparison has been described, illustrated by two tables. A new reference about a KAP survey conducted in Hong Kong, SAR has been cited to compare with our study’s results. We agree with the reviewer’s comment that a statement of the scoring method used in our study is necessary, therefore, a paragraph has been added to the discussion to clarify the limitation of this method. In addition, the questionnaire (translated into English) has also been provided, along with detailed information about its development and validation.

We believe that we have satisfactorily addressed all of the reviewer’s comments, suggestions and questions in this revised manuscript. We have attached a point-by-point response to the reviewer’s comments. These comments have substantially strengthened our revised manuscript and we appreciate the feedback.

Please let us know if there are any additional questions or suggestions to improve our manuscript. On behalf of me and my co-authors, Dr. Peng Zhibin, co-author of our manuscript, will be responsible for handling further prepublication issues and enquiries. Her contact information is as follows:

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On behalf of my co-authors, I thank you very much for considering our revised manuscript for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Sincerely,

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