Author's response to reviews

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Dear editor:

We really appreciate you and reviewers for carefully reviewing our manuscript entitled “Development and evaluation of reverse transcription-loop-mediated isothermal amplification assay for rapid detection of enterovirus 71” with a manuscript ID (MS: 3549511265251509) and giving us helpful comments and constructive suggestions. Based on the reviewers’ helpful comments and constructive suggestions, we have revised the manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestions. The point-to-point responses for reviewers’ concerns were also enclosed in this letter. We believe that the quality of the revised manuscript was greatly improved under the help of the reviewers. Meanwhile, we hope that the revised manuscript will be satisfactory and acceptable for the publication in *BMC Infectious Disease*.

Sincerely yours

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Response to Reviewer:

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

Comment 1: Author list: the list of authors in the manuscript should be written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The preferred style is 'First name Initial Last name' (e.g. Joe F Bloggs)

Response: Thank the reviewer for this comment. We have modified and used the style of 'First name Initial Last name'.

Comment 2: Structure: this manuscript does not have the correct structure. Please reformat it to use these headings: Abstract; Background; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions; Abbreviations (if any); Competing interests; Authors' contributions; Authors information (optional); Acknowledgements (optional); References

Response: We have carefully checked these headings and reformat it.

Comment 3: Figures: Figures 2 and 5 have been submitted as more than one page. We ask that if a figure consists of separate pages, then a single composite illustration file should be submitted which contains all parts of the figure on a single page. If this is not possible, we recommend that page 1 be submitted as figure 1, page 2 as figure 2, and page 3 as figure 3, etc. Please remember to change any references to the figures in the manuscript file after any changes.
Response: Thank the reviewer for this comment. Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D have been merged on a single page. Similarly, Figures 5A and 5B were also merged on a single page.

Minor revisions

Comment 1: Email address: please place email addresses on the title page using the following format:

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Response: We have modified the format of email addresses in the manuscript.

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Response: We have removed all highlighting and tracking from the manuscript.

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Response: We have removed the 'post-it' note-style comments from the manuscript.

Comment 4: Tables: please note that we are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows: please re-layout your table without these merged elements
Response: Thank the reviewer for this comment. We have re-layouted the table without these merged elements according to the reviewer.

Comment 5: References: the reference list should contain up to 30 authors names for each citation. The term ‘et al.’ should not be used if there are fewer than 30 authors.
Response: We have adjusted the format of references and up to 30 authors names for each citation are listed in each citation.

Comment 6: Figures: Please remove the figures from the figure legends in the manuscript
Response: We have removed the figures from the figure legends in the manuscript.

Comment 7: Figures: It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image. Our online figure guide contains full details for preparing files for submission and can be viewed here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/figures
Response: We have read figure guide and minimised white space around the image as soon as possible.

Comment 8: Typography: Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the
final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

**Response:** We really appreciate the reviewer for this constructive suggestion. We have carefully modified this manuscript and corrected all grammatical, spelling and typo errors in the revised manuscript.