Author's response to reviews

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Re: MS 3029944693977990 - Burden of rotavirus gastroenteritis in the Middle Eastern and North African pediatric population

Dear Editorial Production Team,

Thank you for your letter concerning proof editing and formatting changes of our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to your requests. Please read below our response to each request:

Request 1: References should be cited in the text using consecutive numbers in square brackets. Currently your references are cited out of order.

• Reply: referencing was updated using BMC Infectious Diseases output style in Reference Manager, and are cited in consecutive order in square brackets. However, square brackets are also used throughout the manuscript to refer to rotavirus genotypes (e.g., G1P[4], G10P[8], etc…). This may be a source of confusion, however it is the only conventional way of citing rotavirus genotypes in publications. One example of rotavirus publication is De Donno et al. BMC Infect Dis. 2009;9:43.

Request 2: Abstracts should not cite references, nor refer to figures or tables

• Reply: the manuscript abstract was checked and does not cite any reference,
table or figure. Again here, the confusion may have been caused by the conventional nomenclature of rotavirus genotypes, e.g. G1P[4].

Minor revisions:
• Affiliations: the country was added to affiliation details
• Highlighting was removed from the manuscript.
• Figures were cropped to minimise white space.
• Typography: the manuscript was proof edited and all errors corrected.

We hope that these changes make the manuscript consistent with the format requirements of BMC Infectious Diseases.

Sincerely yours,

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