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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

Re: Emergence of new leptospiral serovars in American Samoa – Ascertainment or Ecological Change?

We have like to thank the reviewers for their time and very helpful comments on our manuscript. Please see attached files with replies to each of the reviewer comments.

The manuscript has been revised and restructured significantly with expansion of the background section, additional statistical analyses, results of the analyses, and a more detailed discussion.

The manuscript is an original work, and has not been previously published in whole or in part, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and will not be submitted for publication elsewhere so long as it is under consideration by BMC Infectious diseases.

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Yours sincerely,

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