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Dear Sir,

We are herewith submitting a revised version of the manuscript entitled “Macrolide resistance determinants among Streptococcus pneumoniae isolates from carriers in Central Greece”.

We respond to the suggestions of the reviewers.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Syrogiannopoulos, MD
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Reviewer 1:

Discretionary Revisions (Minor issues not for publication)

1. We agree that the relative information is illustrated also in Figures 3 and 4 (as serotype 19F). We consider that the reference of one Figure, Figure 2, is adequate.

2. Figure 2 illustrates all the information. The bars are in color and the percentages are depicted clearly. It is reasonable to want to underline the findings of 2009, the most recent surveillance.

3. We provided the definition of ciprofloxacin resistance in Methods paragraph 5. In addition, it was clarified in Results paragraph 15, 2nd sentence.

4. In Table 1, significant p-values have been boldface typed.

Reviewer 2:

Major Compulsory Revision

We have clarified EUCAST breakpoints in Methods paragraph 5 and in the footnote of Table 3. We used the benzylpenicillin breakpoints as the isolates have not been tested to ampicillin/amoxicillin.