Author's response to reviews

Title: Quantitative assessment of microbicide-induced injury in the ovine vaginal epithelium using confocal microendoscopy

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Dear Editors,

We again thank you for consideration of our manuscript entitled “Quantitative assessment of microbicide-induced injury to the ovine vaginal epithelium using confocal microendoscopy.” We have examined the points made in reviewer’s report on our response to the initial review, are in full agreement, and have made the revisions.

An item-per-item response is provided below.

Sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer Comments
We removed Reference 1 as suggested as well as References 5-7 which we determined were not necessary to make the point already supported by references 8-10 (renumbered as References 4-6).
We made one other small correction upon noting that references citing the use of CRM in the colorectum were not associated with the correct sentence (Background section: “In the colorectum, CFM detected architectural differences between the normal crypt structure and neoplasia (11-12).” These references (previously numbered 15,16) had been associated with the sentence after this referring to another tissue. Placement of these references was corrected.