Author's response to reviews

Title: Epidemiology and clinical presentation of the four human parainfluenza virus types

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Dear Tonilynn:

Thank you for making hard efforts to review and arrange review of our MS-1543378597271418. As you can see from the following “Listed Responses”, we have revised the MS and made appropriate changes to improve the quality of this MS.

Some changes in the MS have been highlighted with colors; I hope that you will find the revised MS now acceptable for publication by “BMC Infectious Diseases”.

Thank you very much indeed for your time and efforts to arrange all of these and I look forward to hearing a positive reply from you very soon.

Best regards

Sincerely Yours

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Listed Responses

1. Page 7. 'The median age were 4.75 (interquartile range, 1.00 to 25.00)' change 'age were' to 'age was'  
   Response:  
   Done

2. Page 8. 'Patients with no complete clinical data available were excluded from the clinical data analysis'. By 'no complete' do the authors mean incomplete?  
   Response:  
   Yes, we have revised it.

3. Last sentence of the discussion adds nothing - should be removed. 'Not only HPIV, but also respiratory pathogens untested in this study (e.g. human rhinovirus and common bacterial pathogens) can cause a wide spectrum of respiratory illness in both children and adults. To explore the clinical features and therapeutic clue of these pathogens infection, more studies are required throughout the world, including epidemiology, immunology, physiology and animal models etc. '  
   Response:  
   We have removed it.

4. Please clarify if you obtained informed consent from patients for use of samples within your methods section. If the ethics committee waived the need for this then please mention this instead. Please also clarify within the methods section whether samples were taken as part of standard patient care.  
   Response:  
   Yes, Samples in this study were taken as part of standard care, and the patients were informed in this procedure. We clarified in paragraph 1 of METHODS section.

Thanks for your efforts to help revise the MS