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Dear Professor Klaus Hamprecht,

I am really glad and highly appreciated when I received your comments and edits. Thank you for your precious comments and edits. I have revised our manuscript as your advice and some information were added to clarify our ideas.

I had already put our study design limitation with respect to acquisition of the infection in the second discussion part (page 9), imbalance age groups in table 2 in the page 11.

In figure 1 there were 4 patient had the increase of plasma viral load after one week of GCV treatment and were negative at the end of second week. They are all female, normal birth weight, full term, exclusive breast feeding and two of them vaginal delivery. We don’t know why but we may suppose that those patient was acquired infection after birth and it were on its natural progression.

I did not do this test on BAL for follow up treatment improvement because having BAL is difficult and dangerous intervention.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,

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