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Title: Cynomolgus monkeys (Macaca fascicularis) inoculated with Brazilian and Dutch swine HEV strains are successfully infected and exhibit hematological changes

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Dear Editor,

We are a Brazilian research group that studies Enterically Transmitted Viral Hepatitis at Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Ministry of Health), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Cases of hepatitis E infection are not currently diagnosed in patients in South America despite HEV (genotype 3) circulates among swine breeding in commercial pig farms from many countries, including Brazil. For a better understanding of this epidemiological discrepancy, we reproduced HEV infection in cynomolgus monkey using samples from different host sources. The account of inocula used in this study were very limited.

We would like to submit our manuscript titled “Hepatitis E infection in cynomolgus monkey (Macaca fascicularis)” for your appreciation.

The manuscript was appropriately revised for language usage, spelling, and grammar by Mrs. Claudia Parslow (ckparslow@ioc.fiocruz.br), our collaborator.

We would like to thank you in advance for your time and look forward to hear about the submission, as well as requests from referees.

Yours sincerely,

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