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Title: Efficacy of symptomatic treatment of the common cold in adults: randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial

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Dear Editor Philippa Harris,

Please find attached an article entitled “Efficacy of symptomatic treatment of the common cold in adults: randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial” which we would like you to consider for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*.

The manuscript has been previously submitted to *BMC Medicine*, and the editors have kindly suggested it to be submitted to *BMC Infectious Diseases*. In addition, we decided to submit our manuscript to *BMC Infectious Diseases* because there is a lack in medical literature of well-conducted randomized clinical trials (RCT) designed to evaluate the efficacy of symptomatic treatment of the common cold. This was the first RCT conducted in Brazil to evaluate a combination of paracetamol, chlorpheniramine and phenylephrine in that scenario.

The manuscript has not been submitted to any other journals, and will not be submitted elsewhere while under consideration by *BMC Infectious Diseases*. If the paper is accepted for publication in the journal, it will not be published elsewhere, either in similar form or verbatim, without permission of the publisher.

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest. In addition, all authors have read and approved the manuscript as submitted, are qualified for authorship, believe the submission represents honest work and take full responsibility for the reported findings.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the status of our manuscript. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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