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Title: Characterisation of acute respiratory infections at a UK paediatric teaching hospital following the H1N1 pandemic (Observational study assessing the impact of H1N1 on predominant viral pathogens)

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Dear Editor in Chief,

Please find attached our manuscript: Characterisation of acute respiratory infections at a UK paediatric teaching hospital following the H1N1 pandemic, by Lees et al., which we would like to submit as an original study to BMC Infectious Diseases.

To our knowledge, this is the first report giving detailed information on respiratory virus pathogen prevalence and occurrence of co-infection in a paediatric population within the UK following the H1N1 pandemic. We also consider diagnostic yield of sampling methods and prevalence of co-morbidities in patients with ARI caused by H1N1 or other virus during the study period. We believe that this is data which the readers of BMC Infectious Diseases will find of interest.

We confirm that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to BMC Infectious Diseases.

The abstract of this study was presented at the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases conference in Milan by Dr Lees, on 30th May 2013.

NB – revisions made to manuscript 23/8/13 – Addition of acknowledgements section and ethics statement.

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We look forwards to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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