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Title: Significant cross reactivity to influenza virus in adults and children following natural exposure during a period of marked antigenic drift

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find our manuscript entitled: “Significant cross reactivity to influenza virus in adults and children following natural exposure during a period of marked antigenic drift” by Mandelboim et al.

In this manuscript we summarized the work conducted in the summer of 2002 and 2007, two years in which the naturally occurring influenza viruses underwent a major antigenic drift. We examine sera obtained from children and of adults and we describe, as far as we know for the first time, the presence of naturally occurring cross-reactive anti-influenza antibodies in children and in adults never exposed to the virus. The presence of naturally occurring cross-reactive influenza virus antibodies in a significant percentage of children in the study has important implications for the development of a universal influenza vaccine.

Point by point response:
I made the following changes in response to the editor request
1) Provided Ethic statement
2) Added an acknowledgment section
3) Included in the title page the email addresses of all authors

I hope that you will find this manuscript interesting and that you will send it out for external evaluation.
All the best,
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