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Dear Dr Nathaniel Nazareno,

We respectfully send back our manuscript: **Significance of serum procalcitonin as biomarker for detection of bacterial peritonitis: A systematic review and meta-analysis (Manuscript-ID: 1214158141168816)** for the consideration of publication in Journal of BMC infectious diseases.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the editors for the valuable and constructive comments on previous draft. Based on their comments and requests, we have carefully taken their comments into consideration and made extensive modification on the original manuscript. A revised manuscript with the correction sections marked was attached as the supplemental material and for the purpose of easy check. Here is our response to their comments.

Revision — authors’ response

**Comments**

**Comment-1:** For manuscripts with more than one author, all BMC Series journals require an Authors’ Contributions section to be placed after the Competing Interests section.

**Response:** Thanks for your valuable comments on our paper. We have added the the chaper of Authors’ Contributions after the “Declaration of interest”, please check it.

**Comment-2:** In accordance with BioMed Central editorial policies (http://www.biomedcentral.com/about/editorialpolicies#StandardsofReporting), could you please ensure your manuscript reporting adheres to PRISMA guidelines (http://www.prisma-statement.org/) for reporting systematic reviews. This is so your methodology can be fully evaluated and utilised. Can you please include a completed PRISMA checklist as an additional file when submitting your revised manuscript. We would also ask that you include a completed copy of the PRISMA flowchart for your study as a figure in your manuscript.

**Response:** Thanks for your valuable comments on our paper, this meta analysis was performed according to the PRISMA guidelines, and the PRISMA 2009 Checklist was submitted in attachment files. In addition, the Figure 1 has been modified according to PRISMA 2009 Flow Diagram, please check it, thanks.

We thank the editors very much for the comments which make us think and learn a lot, and believe that the amendments will make this manuscript more valuable. We hope the reviewers and the editors will be satisfied with the revisions for the original manuscript.

If you have any question about this paper, please don’t hesitate to let us know.
Thanks and best regards!

Yours sincerely,

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