Author's response to reviews

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Sir,

Thank you for accepting our manuscript for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases. All but one (please see below) of your requirements were fulfilled, including the cropping of the only figure (Fig 1) as per your instructions. Also, the manuscript was reviewed to ascertain that the reviewer's final requirement was present. We only change the manuscript in 3 minor aspects: 1) adding the word "by", which was missing in the second paragraph of the Background Section (it now reads "obliteration of dead space left by such procedure"...); 2) changing the order of sentences in the fifth paragraph of the Results Section to make it clearer and shorter; and 3) modifying the last sentence of the fifth paragraph of the Discussion, in order to state unambiguously the limitations of the study. We could not "link each author to their corresponding author with the use of superscript numbers" because all authors belong to the same institution. Looking at your checklist file and to papers already published by BMC, superscript numbers are used to differentiate each author's affiliation. I sent you earlier an e-mail asking for further instructions to fulfill your request. To make things quicker, I am sending you the revised manuscript and the cropped figure. Thank you very much. Best regards,

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