Author's response to reviews

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Re: Manuscript No. 9183593081233457 (Revised Version)  
Chlamydia trachomatis Infection in Early Neonatal Period

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your e-mail letter of February 18, 2003. I revised the manuscript according to the comments of reviewers as following:

Reviewer No. 1
1. Abstract was rewritten to describe the contents of the paper.
2. We changed the last sentence of “Introduction”.
3. We screened almost all neonates who had respiratory tract symptoms for chlamydial infections. This explanation was added in Materials and Methods.
4. As written in the text, both nasopharyngeal and conjunctival swabs were collected from 5 infants within 2 weeks after birth for antigen detection and the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) study. We gave references for EIA antigen and MIF tests.
5. We changed Discussion section to discuss only findings or results presented in the paper. We deleted the sentences concerning the prevalence of C. trachomatis infection in Japanese neonates.

Reviewer No. 2
1, 2. The whole manuscript was checked again by a native speaker.
3. The conclusion was rewritten.
4, 5. As total number of term infants were unknown, we deleted the sentences concerning the prevalence of C. trachomatis infection.
in Japanese neonates.
6. We described only important clinical data on the patients.
7. We revised and added sentences of Discussion Section according to reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer No. 3

The text was rewritten and shortened. We mentioned the major role of C. trachomatis in perinatal mortality and gave a reference.

We went through the manuscript-formatting checklist. We received the consent that the parents of the patients described had seen the paper and agreed to its publication. This was also faxed to you. The following text was included in the Acknowledgements section of our paper. “Written consent was obtained from the patient or their relative for publication of patient’s details”. I really hope our revised manuscript will be found suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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