Author's response to reviews

Title: A sensitive flow cytometric methodology for studying the binding of L. chagasi to canine peritoneal macrophages

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Dear editor in chief,

Please find enclosed our manuscript, "A sensitive flow cytometric methodology for studying the binding of L. chagasi to canine peritoneal macrophages," by Goncalves, R et.al. for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases. Our current study demonstrates the use of a stable cytoplasmic fluorescent marker for the study of the interaction between Leishmania and host macrophages allowing for the simultaneous determination of the parasite host cell interaction along with determination of host cell characteristics. Our original manuscript is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

We have made the changes suggested by reviewers:
Minor changes in the background text.
We have changed some information and data about Material and Methods.
We have included CR3 (CD11b/CD18) analyses.
We have included the explanation about statistical analysis.
Figure 2 were changed and some figures were added.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wagner L. Tafuri