Author’s response to reviews

Title: Detection of virulence genes in Malaysian Shigella spp. strains by multiplex PCR assay

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Dear Sir,

I have done the necessary changes in the format and other minor errors in writing as recommended in your email on 10 January, 2005.

Response to reviewers who requested minor revisions

Reviewer 1 ( MA)

1. Change sentence in Abstract as suggested

2. As EIEC strain was not tested at all in this work, it's best to leave that out in the abstract. The problem of specificity and the need to include this strain for future work has been mentioned in the DISCUSSION.

3. Deleted the paragraph as suggested

4. Deleted statement as suggested

Thank you

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