Author's response to reviews

Title: Hepatitis B and C: Prevalence and risk factors associated with seropositivity among children in Karachi, Pakistan

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Author's response to reviews:

We have made following changes in the final revised manuscript as suggested by the reviewers.

Sincerely,
Dr Wasim Jafri

Maria Chironna: Thank you for your comments dated 12 June 2006

Abstract

Following errors have been amended:
1. Line 11: 1.8 rather than I.8
2. Line 15: 45 positives. The result has been written more clearly
3. From line 14 to line 17: OR and CI are clearly expressed in the context of the sentences. For example [OR= 2.2; CI: 1.3-3.6].
4. Following addition has been made as suggested. Line 20: Hepatitis B vaccine should be administered to all newborns regardless of maternal HBs Ag status.

Background

1. The spaces checked in lines 3, 4.
2. Line 9, after Zuberi et al a full stop has been added.
3. Line 11, a full stop after reference 7 has been required.
4. Page 4, line 21: area deleted
5. Page 5, HBsAg and not HBsAG.

Results

1. Line 3, 1.8% rather than I.8%
2. OR and CI written clearly.

Discussion

All references to tables in the brackets have been deleted.

Repetition of the concept before reference 23 has been deleted (pages 12 and 13).

Page 14, line 5: the sentences referring to the limitations of the study has been inserted at the beginning of
the second of the discussion section as suggested.

Reviewer: Pietro Luigi Lopalco
Thank you for your comments regarding our revised manuscript

Page 9: the column percentages has replaced the row percentages, in the abstract, results and tables 1-2.