Title: Disease burden and related medical costs of rotavirus infections in Taiwan

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Dear Editors of the *BMC Infectious Diseases*:

Enclosed please find the manuscript entitled "**Disease burden and related medical costs of rotavirus infections in Taiwan**” for your consideration for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases* as a research article.

Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhoea in children worldwide. Data on disease burden and especially medical costs resulting from rotavirus infections is crucially needed but lacking in developing Asian countries. In anticipation of the introduction of a new safe and effective rotavirus vaccine, we initiated this study to estimate the burden of rotavirus disease and its associated direct medical costs in Taiwan. This data is crucial for pediatric infectious diseases specialist as well as policy makers in developing countries.

We believe our data provides timely and valuable contribution to the readership of *BMC Infectious Diseases*. We thank you for consideration of publishing our work and look forward to the critiques and comments from you and the reviewers.

Sincerely yours,

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