Author's response to reviews

Title: Predictive factors of virological success to salvage regimens in HIV-1 infected children

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Dear Sir,

RE: BMC Manuscript 3903641221255686 (Larru et al. Manuscript entitled: PREDICTIVE FACTORS OF VIROLOGICAL SUCCESS TO SALVAGE REGIMENS IN HIV-1 INFECTED CHILDREN)

Thank you very much for your e-mail of May 11, 2007. Please find enclosed a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments and the new revised version of our manuscript. We hope that the current revised version of our manuscript is acceptable for publication. Please feel free to contact us regarding any further questions about our work.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Beatriz Larrú Martínez, Dr.
[Reviewer 1:]

**Major Compulsory Revisions:**

1) We agree with the referee in that. However, as we only followed-up the cohort during 6 months, the global adherence of our patients was not identified as a predictive factor. That is why we did not include this fact in the Results section. Therefore, we have incorporated this paragraph in the Discussion to clarify this point: Besides, global adherence in our cohort was around 90% (data not shown) but it was not identified as a prognostic factor due to the short period of follow-up included in our study.

2) We apologize for the misspelled word and we have changed "savage" into "salvage" throughout the manuscript.

[Reviewer 3:]

As you asked us, we include some of his opinion in the Discussion section adding this new paragraph: In addition, some variables identified as predictive factors, like number of active PIs in salvage regimen and number of drugs considered as susceptible according to virtual phenotype might not be independent.

[Reviewer 4:]

We really appreciate her suggestions and we apologized for the grammar and spelling mistakes:

1. Background, line 3: through
2. Results, page 8 last paragraph: no association
3. Table 2: we include only 2 decimals throughout the manuscript