Author’s response to reviews

Title: Nationwide trends in molecular epidemiology of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Finland, 1997-2004

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Dear Dr Makri,

Enclosed is a revised version of our manuscript titled “Nationwide trends in molecular epidemiology of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, Finland, 1997-2004”, which we would like to resubmit for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases* in the category of research article. Detailed responses to all of the Editorial Production Team and reviewers' comments and suggestions are included.

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We have made the changes requested in email from The BioMed Central Editorial Production Team:
1. We removed the unnecessary capitals from the title.
2. All line numbering and the words “Authors affiliations’ “ have been removed.
3. We removed the running title.
4. Each affiliation has been written in full.
5. We added different email address for each author.
6. We removed all the tracking from the manuscript test
7. We structured the abstract into Background, Results, and Conclusions and removed Methods.
8. Manuscript sections were rearranged as requested. In addition, there is a sentence for Competing interests before Authors’ contribution.
9. We condensed the figure legends onto one page.
10. We removed the Figure titles from the image files.
11. One website address ([www.mlst.net](http://www.mlst.net)) has been removed from the text and sited from the reference list only.

The changes requested by reviewer B. Olsson-Liljequist
1. We checked the correct spelling of “Panton-Valentine leukocidin”, page 2, line 8, and page 15, line 15.
2. We removed the reference no. 27 (Cookson et al, 2007) because it was unnecessary. We changed the right reference to that place (Salmenlinna et al, 2002).
3. We corrected FIN-25 (ST8:IV) and FIN-19 (ST1:IV), page 9, lines 9 and 10.

The discretionary revision requested by B. Olsson-Liljequist:

1. We changed the sentences as the reviewer requested, page 6, lines 6-7, page 7, line 15, and page 23, lines 8-9.