Author's response to reviews

Title: Seasonal Effects of Influenza on Mortality in a Subtropical City

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Dear Dr Alam,

Re: Seasonal Effects of Influenza on Mortality in a Subtropical City
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Thank you very much for your email dated 3 July, 2009, informing us that our above-captioned manuscript is almost acceptable for publication. We have now written a response to the reviewer’s comments as shown below. The discrepancies of formula as you mentioned in your email have been corrected. The format of manuscript is now revised as required and resubmitted as in the document ‘Seasonal Effects_second revision.doc’.

I should be grateful for your consideration for publication of our manuscript in the BMC Infectious Diseases.

Your sincerely,

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Reviewer's report:
The manuscript was nicely revised, especially as regards description of potential mechanisms of seasonality, and I have no further comments.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests

Response: We appreciate the reviewer’s positive comments.