Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to send you a revised version of our manuscript entitled “Distribution of the FY*BES and RHCE*ce(733C>G) alleles in an Argentinean population: implications for transfusion medicine” (MS: 7202608001753105).

The minor changes suggested by one of the reviewers have been incorporated into the manuscript and are outlined below.

Once again, the authors wish to thank the reviewers for their constructive comments.

We hope the article is now suitable for publication in BMC Medical Genetics.

Looking forward hearing from you,

Dr. Carlos Cotorruelo
Detailed point-by-point responses to the modifications suggested by one of the reviewers:

1. "Duffy alleles and Rh haplotypes" (page 7 and throughout) should read "FY alleles and RH haplotypes" (with FY and RH in italics, in accordance with accepted nomenclature).

   **Response:** the suggested changes have been incorporated throughout the manuscript.

2. In Table 5, the allele description should be moved to the head of the leftmost column.

   **Response:** table 5 (now table 6) has been modified as recommended.

3. In Table 4, the "mixing" of "Haplotypes" and "Allele" in the headings of the leftmost column is unusual and could be improved (separate Tables?).

   **Response:** the information contained in table 4 has been separated into two tables as recommended:
   - table 4 containing RH haplotypes information
   - table 5 containing allele information

   References to the tables throughout the text have been adapted accordingly.