Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your comments following which, we have made changes to the Methods section dealing with GAS strains, study subjects and sera. These changes address consents issues for the study.

1. The following sentence “Approval for swabbing of individuals in the study was granted (EC/Gov/-4/2006) by the Seth G. S. Medical School and KEM Hospital Ethic Committee, India. Written informed consent for swabbing was obtained from the guardians of all children included in the study.” was added for the school-based study to obtain GAS isolate.

2. The following statement “Sera samples from patients and healthy individuals were collected at the KEM hospital and stored at -80°C until used. The study was conducted under ethics approval from Seth G.S. Medical College & KEM Hospital (reference number, EC/GOVT-4/2010). Informed consent was obtained from healthy, CKD and ESRD cohorts.” was added for sera collection.

Regards
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