Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

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Attached please find manuscript 1945798523166436 – “Molecular Identification of Adenovirus Causing Respiratory Tract Infection in Pediatric Patients at the University of Malaya Medical Centre” which has been revised to accommodate all the Editor’s comments.

The item-by-item reply to the Editor’s concerns is attached. A statement to emphatically state that the study received institutional medical ethics approval has been included.

Please do not hesitate to contact me shall you need any additional clarification and/or revision.

Sincerely yours,

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Item-by-item reply to Editor

“Before we can proceed please can we ask you to revise your statement regarding ethical approval. Please be sure to state whether ethical approval was obtained.”

The manuscript has been revised to add a sentence to emphatically state that the study has received Institutional Medical Ethics committee approval and the approval number is included. Please see page 7 line 4.

“Informed consent must also be documented.”
The UMMC Medical Ethics Committee does not require Informed Consent documentation for studies which does not directly involved procedures/protocols affecting patients' well being or confidentiality.

“We strongly encourage you to include an Acknowledgements section between the Authors?”
Agreed. Acknowledgements section has been added to acknowledge the contributions of the Department Of Medical Microbiology of the UMMC. Do note that the principal investigator is also the Head of the Department who oversee the UMMC Virology repository. (Pg 11, line 14)

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Please list the source(s) of funding for the study, for each author, and for the manuscript preparation in the acknowledgements section. Authors must describe the role of the funding body, if any, in study design; in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; in the writing of the manuscript; and in the decision to submit the manuscript for publication.”
The study does not receive any specific funding support. Materials used for the study was obtained with permission from the respective responsible entity. A statement to indicate this has been included. (Pg 11, lines 15-17)

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