Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors of *BMC Pediatrics*,

We would like to thank the executive editor and both referees for having reviewed our manuscript entitled “The multiple meanings of “wheezing”: a questionnaire survey in Portuguese for parents and health professionals”, and we thank you for inviting us to submit a revised version.

In the revised document we have incorporated the reviewers’ comments, and made changes accordingly.

Here we address each of the reviewers’ and editor’s concerns regarding revisions point-by-point.

**Reviewer 1 (H. Neto)**

(no amendments were suggested)

**Reviewer 2 (K.-H. Carlsen)**

> It would be of interest to refer to that there is limited agreement between written and video questionnaires for the term wheeze even when using the English language (Pizzichini MM et al Pediatr Pulmonol 2000 Oct 30 (4):307-12).

We have added these results and this reference to the discussion.

> ...the authors should open up for, in their abstract as well in the Discussion and final conclusion, that their findings can be generalised also to other languages, and that the diagnosis of asthma also in epidemiological studies should be based upon clinical examination and possible objective measurements in additions to questionnaires only.”

We agree with the reviewer, and thus have included this comment/recommendation in both the abstract, discussion and conclusion.

**Editor**

> “we would recommend changing the title of your work to "The multiple meanings of wheezing:"...”.

Done.

Yours sincerely,

Ricardo Miguel Fernandes, MD, on behalf of my co-authors.