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We too are delighted that this manuscript has now been accepted for publication in BMC Pediatrics.

With regard to the minor revisions requested by Referee 2:

1. ‘indigenous’ is non-capitalised throughout the manuscript
2. The following last sentence of paragraph 6 of the discussion has been revised from:

“This suggests that closed ear disease (as opposed to perforated ear drums) may now be more common than previously and compared with remote areas, where the prevalence of perforations (the ‘natural ventilation tube’) is often around 30% [11, 30]. “

to:

“This suggests that, in urban areas at least, closed ear disease (as opposed to perforated ear drums) may now be more common than in the past.”

We are aware of the processing charge and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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