Author's response to reviews

Title: Knowledge, attitudes and practices towards pandemic influenza among cases, close contacts, and healthcare workers in tropical Singapore: a cross-sectional survey

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Dear Editorial Team,

We wish to express our appreciation to the editor, editorial team and reviewers for the invaluable comments and edits to our manuscript. We have addressed the comments in the manuscript, and have included a point-by-point reply to each of the comments below.

**Comments from Reviewer 2**

1. Page 13: "Regarding influenza vaccine uptake and educational level, (...), while another study on influenza vaccination uptake in showed varying ..."
   This sentence should be revised (the "in" seems to be surplus).

   We have revised the sentence accordingly.

**Formatting changes to be made:**

Major revisions (we require the author to make these changes)

1. Tables: we are unable to display shading and colours within the tables. Can we therefore ask you to use another method of highlighting the shaded text e.g. by making it bold.

   We have revised the tables. The shading and colours have been removed and relevant text put in bold.

Minor revisions (we can make these changes for you, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above)

2. Underlining: Please note that underlining is not supported in the final full text; you may wish to change it to bold.

   We have removed all underlined text.

3. Title: please use sentence case in the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system. Capitalise only the first word and proper nouns, and do not include full stops/periods.

   We have revised the title accordingly.

4. Qualifications: Please remove the authors' qualifications (e.g. PhD / MD) or job titles from the manuscript and submissions system.

   We have removed the author's qualifications and job titles.

5. Email address: please include email addresses for all the authors on the title page, using the following format:
The email addresses have been listed in the requested format.

6. **Word count:** please remove this.

The word count has been removed.

7. **References:** the reference list should contain up to 30 authors names for each citation. The term et al. should not be used if there are fewer than 30 authors.

All references have been updated with the full authorship list.

8. **Tables:** please remove the visible vertical lines from your tables. Tables: please note that we are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows: please re-layout your table without these merged elements.

We have revised the tables accordingly.

9. **Typography:** Please take this opportunity to check your manuscript for any typographical errors and to make any final corrections or revisions. This is the final proofing stage for your manuscript, and you will not be able to make any changes after acceptance.

We have corrected all typographical errors and made the necessary final revisions.

Thank you.

Regards,
Dr Jonathan Yap
On behalf of the authors