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Dear Sir and Madam:

Thank you for the letter of September 24, 2011 informing us to perform a final review for above referred manuscript (revision 4).

We have reviewed our manuscript carefully and conducted the 5th revision for the manuscript with few changes. The changes in revision 5 manuscript are listed in next page. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

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Responses to editors’ comments

Re: MS: 1734883111540470 Revision 5

New Title: Water outage increases the risk of gastroenteritis and eyes and skin diseases

Following changes have been performed:

1. **Page 8 paragraph 1:**
   We changed the sentence, “Considering that the effects of water outages could be delayed for a few days, we divided each water outage event into three periods, namely, 10 days with normal water supply before any water outage (normal periods), the actual day(s) with water outages, and 10 days after the outages.” **Into:**
   “Considering that the effects of water outages could be delayed for a few days, we divided each water outage event into three periods, namely, 10 days with normal water supply before any water outage (normal periods), the actual day(s) with water outages (lag 0), and 10 days after the outages (10-day lag)”.

2. **Page 8 paragraph 2:**
   We changed the sentence, “We calculated the incidence rates of medical services, including outpatient visits and EICC for gastroenteritis and eye and skin complaints in person-days 10 days before a water outage, lag 0 (water outage period), and the aftermath until the 10th day.” **Into:**
   “We calculated the incidence rates of medical services, including outpatient visits and EICC for gastroenteritis and eye and skin complaints in person-days in normal, lag 0, and 10-day lag periods.”

3. **Page 11 paragraph 1 lines 4-5:**
   We added one sentence, “High RRs for these three types of infection remained in the 10-day lag period as the ambient temperature increased to over 30 °C.” to interpret the results of 10-day lag period.

4. **Page 11 last 2 lines:** We changed “MPN” into “most probable number of coliform”.

5. We also changed “10 day before” into “Normal period” in Tables.