Author's response to reviews

Title: Burden of paediatric influenza in the European Union: a systematic review

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your follow-up on our manuscript. I am addressing your points below:

Your point #1 states "Reference 1 is a fact sheet and not a primary source of information. Please reference the original source". We referenced the fact sheet in its entirety because it does not have any references for the statistics we quote. We were unable to find other sources of such data. Because WHO is a leading authority in the area of infectious diseases, we feel it is appropriate to cite its website with such data. I have corrected the reference to be more specific and reflect the website as a source of reference.

In your point #2 you have requested "to more explicitly state that MedImmune is a producer of influenza vaccines and antiviral medications". I have edited the paper to indicate that MedImmune is a vaccine manufacturer. MedImmune does not manufacture any antiviral medications, hence I made no edits in this regard.

Your point #3 states "The aim of the study was "... to summarise influenza burden (in terms of health outcomes and economic burden) in children in Western Europe via a systematic literature review" and has no specific editing instructions. We reviewed the paper and noticed that the aim statement in the background was slightly different from the one in the abstract. We made both identical.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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