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Dear Dr. Appleford-Cook,

Thank for re-reviewing our article entitled "Antibiotics are prescribed inappropriately to adult pharyngitis patients and McIsaac modification of Centor score is the answer to reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions in low socio-economic areas". (Manuscript ID: 1570981650733247).

We appreciate the feedback that we received from your reviewers and have made changes to our manuscript accordingly. Please see below our point by point response to the comments. Our revised manuscript has been uploaded into your online system.

Please note, we have moved into a new building and as such I have given the correct corresponding address on the manuscript and the bottom of my signature.

Editorial requests:

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Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We did contact Edanz and they have made extensive edits on this document. I have uploaded the clean version of their changes but if you would like to see the track changes then I can upload that as well. They are suggesting to change the title – please see new uploaded manuscript.
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Minor essential revisions

1. Abstract – round off the prevalence to appropriate significant figures.

   **Response:** I have rounded this to one significant figure.

2. The sensitivity and specificity (or at least the number of TP and TN) of the scores with the diagnosis of GABHS, rather than association is probably more useful. There are p-values and statistical tests reported here that are not mentioned on page 8 of the main paper describing the planned analysis.

   **Response:** This was a previous suggestion and we meant to remove all reference to p values. I have deleted any reference to p-values and statistical tests in the abstract and on page 9. Within the paragraph on page 9, I have deleted references to “association” as well.

3. The pie chart can be summarized in a line of text, thus is better as text and not taking up the space of a figure.

   **Response:** Thank you for your suggestion. I have removed reference to figure 1 and reworded the text in the paragraph (page 9). I have deleted Figure 1.

Thank you once again and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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