Author's response to reviews

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Dear Ms Ma. Celine Zapanta,

Thank you for your letter and for the Editor’s concerning our manuscript entitled “Nonspecific Interstitial Pneumonia: Clinical Associations and Outcomes” (5014981531290323).

We have read the comments carefully and have made the corrections that we hope meet with the approval.

Enclosed we have attached 2 copies of the paper: the final version, the version 5014981531290323_final_2 is the clean version without any markings. The version 5014981531290323_revised_2 is the version that shows all the corrections and additions that were made to specifically address the Editors’ comments. Revised portion were marked in color in the paper. We believe that the issues raised by the editors have all been addressed.

The main correction in the paper and point by point, the response to the Editors’ comment are as following:

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-Consent statement: Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.
Responds: Addressed. Please see revised paper, page 5, line 135-137.
-Please provide the reference number for ethics approval.

Responds: Addressed. Please see revised paper, page 5, line 138.

-Please remove the tables from figures section and include them at the end of the manuscript.

Responds: We have made correction according Editorial’s Request. Please see revised paper, page 20-25.

-Please format the manuscript according to BMC guidelines as detailed in Instruction for Authors.

Responds: We have made correction according Editorial’s Request.