Author's response to reviews

Title: Hypertonic Saline reduces inflammation and enhances the resolution of Oleic Acid induced Acute Lung Injury.

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Dear Editor,

Please find uploaded a revised manuscript entitled ‘Hypertonic Saline reduces inflammation and enhances the resolution which has been accepted in principle for publication in BMC Pulmonary Medicine Care. In this manuscript, we describe, for the first time, the potential for Hypertonic saline to enhance the resolution of acute lung injury in a relevant, pre-clinical model of clinical ARDS. The clinical significance of our findings are underlined by the fact that the mechanisms underlying the effects of hypertonic saline are well understood, and it has been utilized in human clinical trials, demonstrating clinical effects.

We have made all of the formatting changes requested. These changes are itemized below:

1. We have removed the header 'Kennedy et al, Hypertonic Saline and Oleic Acid Injury' from the top of each page.

2. We have removed the authors’ qualifications (e.g. PhD / MD) from Author list in the manuscript.

3. We have listed the Email addresses separately on the title page preceded by the initials of the authors.

4. We have included the author list as a paragraph.

5. We have removed the headings ‘Title', 'Authors', 'Affiliations' from the title page.

6. We have removed the Keywords.

7. We have used sentence case for the section headings, i.e. Abstract not ABSTRACT.
8. We have removed the Key points from the abstract.

9. We have renamed the INTRODUCTION section 'Background'.

10. We have renamed the MATERIALS AND METHODS section 'Methods'.

11. We have altered the term 'List of Abbreviations' - to 'Abbreviations' and included these as a paragraph, rather than a list.

12. We have altered the term 'Declaration of competing Interests' to 'Competing interests'.

13. We have altered the term 'Authors Contributions' to 'Authors' contributions'.

14. We have used sentence case for table titles and removed all unnecessary capitals.

15. We have deleted the additional file that contains the earlier response to the reviewers.