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 text "MB, FFARCSI" from the title page.

2. We have written each affiliation in full, in the format: department, institute, city, and country, for each department involved in the manuscript.

3. We have not used full capitals for country names, and please do not include full-stops in abbreviated country names.

4. We have linked each author to their corresponding affiliation with the use of superscript numbers.

5. We have written each affiliation on a new line.

6. We have removed the word-counts.

7. We have made a final check to the manuscript.