Author's response to reviews

Title: Meropenem vs standard of care for treatment of late onset sepsis in children of less than 90 days of age: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial

Authors:

Irja Lutsar (irja.lutsar@ut.ee)
Ursula MT Trafojer (trafojer@pediatria.unipd.it)
Paul T Heath (pheath@sgul.ac.uk)
Tuuli Metsvaht (tuuli.metsvaht@klinikum.ee)
Joseph Standing (joseph.standing@nhs.net)
Susanna Esposito (susanna.esposito@unimi.it)
Vincent Meiffredi de Cabre (vincent.meiffredi@inserm.fr)
Clarissa Oeser (coeser@sgul.ac.uk)
Jean-Pierre Aboulker (jean-pierre.aboulker@inserm.fr)

Version: 4 Date: 23 September 2011

Author's response to reviews:

Abstract: please ensure that the Abstracts in the submissions system and manuscript are identical. Abstracts should not cite references, nor refer to figures or tables. Please remove the cited reference in the abstract.

Cited reference has been removed. The abstract has been replaced with most current version

Conclusions: Please include a Conclusions section after the 'Discussion' section.

Done

Competing interests: Please include a Competing interests section between the Conclusions and Authors contributions. If there are none to declare, please write:

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

Please see here for a full list of questions to consider when writing your competing interests statement-
http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/ifora/?txt_jou_id=2999&txt_mst_id=50733#interests

The sentence that authors declare no competing interest has been added.

Authors' contributions: Please place the Authors contributions section towards the end of the manuscript text, directly preceding the Acknowledgements.

Please use the following format as an example, including using initials to refer to each author's contribution: AB carried out the molecular genetic studies, participated in the sequence alignment and drafted the manuscript. JY carried out the immunoassays. MT participated in the sequence alignment. ES
participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. FG conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

The authors contribution has been added.

Please indicate that all authors read and approved the final manuscript.

This has been indicated.

Figures: at 100% the text of Figure 1 is not readable. We recommend you upload a higher resolution version of the figure.

The new Figure 1 is uploaded.

Figures: Please provide figure titles and legends in a section after the reference list. Figure titles should be concise and be the first sentence of the figure legend

Done. In figure 1 the title and legend are the same. We feel that this figure is selfexplanatory.