Author’s response to reviews

Title: Comparative study of sickle cell anemia and hemoglobin SC disease: clinical characterization, laboratory biomarkers and genetic profiles

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From: Authorship of the manuscript entitled “Comparative study of sickle cell anemia and hemoglobin SC disease: clinical characterization, laboratory biomarkers and genetic profiles” (BMC Hematology - BHEM-D-16-00045R3).

Subject: Rebuttal letter

Dear Dr. Menard,

Thank you for allowing us to revise our manuscript entitled “Comparative study of sickle cell anemia and hemoglobin SC disease: clinical characterization, laboratory biomarkers and genetic profiles” (BMC Hematology - BHEM-D-16-00045R3). We thank the reviewer for the careful perusal of our manuscript and thoughtful comments, which certainly have improved it. We would like to say that we accepted all comments raised by the review. We have addressed each reviewer comments, as described below. We would like to thank you for your kindly to let us revised our previous version. We remain available for further clarifications and adjustments that are necessary and we hope that the manuscript is now suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

Marilda de Souza Gonçalves, Ph.D.

Question 1. Please respond to the reviewer's comments which were sent in our last letter, I have copied them below:

Jane Little (Reviewer 2): I would recommend removing allusions to race that include terms like 'brown skin' or 'mulatto'. This is imprecise and does not advance the work.
Answer: We thank the reviewer for the observation and we have changed the sentences in the lines 152, 238 and table 1.