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Cover letter

Dear Editor Nathaniel Nazareno,

Thank you very much for considering our manuscript.

In response to the two requests from editor, saying

1. “Requesting Ethics statement: ^^^^A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.

2. Requesting 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.”

We have updated the method section, and now include the body that gave approval, added the ERC approval Number. We also stated whether written informed consent were obtained. Now the text says (see line 147-153):

“Individual identifying information on the persons whose blood was tested for measles antibodies was not obtained by the investigators; the individuals were not contacted or interviewed; and informed consent was therefore not obtained.
Obtaining and testing these samples of residual blood was approved by the Ethical Review Committee of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Approval Notice No. 201410), recognizing that the right and the welfare of the subject are adequately protected; the potential risks are outweighed by potential benefits. ”

Also we have also formatted the manuscript strictly according to the format on 16 DEC.

Please don’t hesitate to tell us if any revision is needed.

Thanks again, and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Huiming Luo, On behalf the co-authors
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