Author's response to reviews

Title: The role of a specialist neurological infection service at a university teaching hospital in Northwest England

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our paper entitled “An integrated model of care for neurological infections: the first six years of referrals to a specialist service at a University Teaching hospital in Northwest England” which I am re-submitting on behalf of my co-authors. We would like to thank the reviewers for their useful comments, and offer the following responses:

1). Licia Denti

Point 1.
We agree with the reviewer that the model of care is the most innovative aspect of our submission, this formed a large part of the motivation behind this report. We accept that the title does not describe the report as well as it could do, we have therefore removed the reference to “role” and have changed the title to:

“An integrated model of care for neurological infections: the first six years of referrals to a specialist service at a University Teaching hospital in Northwest England.”

Point 2.
Given that the report is of a model of care, a mechanism of assurance of quality care is valuable and improves the manuscript. The quality of care on our unit is regularly audited against local, national and international standards. We have therefore added the following sentence to the background description of the service:

“Quality of care within the service is maintained by action arising from a rolling program of clinical audit of many aspects of patient care; some audits are hospital wide while others apply only to the TIDU.”

2). Juri Katchanov

We thank the reviewer. There are no specific points to respond to.

Yours truly,

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