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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our paper for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases. We appreciate the thorough review of our manuscript and have made your suggested corrections. The following summarizes the changes that we made.

Thank you for considering our revised manuscript, which we hope is now suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

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Point-by-point reply to the Editor’s
Comment 1

“Please change the heading 'Contributions' to Authors' contributions. Please use initials rather than full names in this section and confirm all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.”

As suggested by the editor we changed ‘Contributions’ to ‘Author’s Contributions’, changed the authors’ names to initials and added a sentence stating that all authors have read and approved of the final version of the manuscript (page 22, lines 11-19).

Comment 2

“Please move the details on funding to the Acknowledgements section and remove the heading 'Funding’”

As suggested, we added the funding information to the Acknowledgment section (page 22, lines 22-27).

Comment 3

“List of abbreviations: If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations can be provided, which should precede the competing interests and authors' contributions.”

We have added a list of abbreviations and confirmed that in the text at first used that all abbreviations were defined (page 21 lines 1-34, page 22 lines 1-6).