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Title: Incidence of Viral Respiratory Infections among Outpatient and Hospitalized Children Aged [less than or equal to] 5 Years and Its Associated Cost in Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for working with us to further polish the manuscript titled “Incidence of Viral Respiratory Infections among Outpatient and Hospitalized Children Aged ≤5 Years and Its Associated Cost in Buenos Aires, Argentina.”

I agree with your recommendations and have strived to incorporate all into the revised manuscript. The manuscript now has the following edits:

1. Line 48: “Argentina” was changed to “Argentinian”.
2. As recommended, we removed the map from the Appendix and specify in the methods that the study site was in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
3. I agree with your assertion and the limitations paragraph now states that “asymptomatic control children were typically older than cases and consequently had a lower probability of testing positive for key respiratory viruses (e.g., RSV”).
4. Thank for pointing out our omission of coinfections. Although co-infections were uncommon, this information is now added to the results section.
5. Thank you for pointing out the issues with table 2. Although all children were tested for all viruses, some samples were unreadable. The unreadable results were excluded from the denominator and the virus specific analysis. Therefore, there was some variation in the denominator for each virus. In addition, the number of viruses detected in each column may not add up to the number of children with at least one virus because some children had coinfections. I have added footnotes to clarify Table 2.
6. We apologize for the confusion. We are referring to CEMIC children only. We added clarification to the methods.
7. “Proportion” was changed to “percentage.”
8. The sentence on lines 308-309 was revised to finish the incomplete sentence.
9. The word “Accidently” was deleted.

Thank you again.

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