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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript #INFD-D-15-00037R2 “Streptococcus pneumoniae colonisation in children and adolescents with asthma: impact of the heptavalent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and evaluation of potential effect of thirteen-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine”, which we submit for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Please find attached the revised manuscript and our replies to reviewer's comments and recommendations. The authors, all of whom contributed significantly to the manuscript and declare that they have no potential conflict of interest, have seen and approved the final version of the manuscript.

We hope that you will now find the paper suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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Editorial requests

Thank you very much for the appreciation of our manuscript.

1. We declare that the text has been reviewed by a native English speaker with appropriate knowledge of the subject matter.

2. It has been clarified that written consent from both parents had been collected and written assent from children if aged ≥8 years had been obtained (p. 6).

3. A Conclusions section has been included (pp. 14-15).

4. Sorry for the mistake, AZ is just mentioned in the acknowledgments and has been deleted from the section on Author contribution.