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Dr Benny Yau
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Dear Sir,

We thank the Editor for the possibility of publishing the original manuscript titled “Clinical and laboratory profiles of patients with early spontaneous healing in cutaneous localized leishmaniasis: A historical cohort study” in its prestigious journal.

We would like to inform that the necessary adjustments have been made (see below) in order to clarify the role of each author in the preparation of the manuscript.

Hoping to have answered your question in a satisfactory way, we have the willingness to resolve any doubts that may appear in the publication process. We have addressed your concern as outlined below.

With kind regards,
Fatima Conceição Silva

EDITOR’S REQUEST

Currently, the contributions of authors AFS, MFM, CXM, EMC, MRL, AOS, CMVR, LFA, and ECFV are not clear, and do not automatically qualify them for authorship.
Answer: We thank the editor for the comment and apologize if we were not clear about the relevance of the participation of some authors. To obtain the clinical and laboratory data of each of the patients evaluated, a multidisciplinary team consisting of physicians (dermatologists, infectious diseases and Ear-Nose-and-Throat specialists) and biologists responsible for the laboratory tests were involved and without their work and contribution, complex data would not be possible. All cited authors participated in the organization of the results and in the discussion of the possibilities of analyzes and comparisons. Besides that, all authors participated in the preparation of the manuscript as well as its final approval. Without this thorough and exhaustive work, our data would not be possible. AFS, MFM, CXM, ECM, LPQ and LFA were responsible for performing the laboratory diagnosis in addition to discussing results, drafting the manuscript and approval of its final version. Dermatologists (COR, MIFP, MRL, ECFV and AOS) and otorhinolaryngologist (CMVR) performed clinical evaluation of the patients, obtained material for diagnostic confirmation exams, and were responsible for treatment and follow up. Together with COR, MIFP and FCS (infectious diseases), they also participated in the data collection, study design and preparation of the manuscript. All authors had a substantial contribution to the acquisition, analysis and interpretation of the data. All authors contributed to the manuscript writing process. To better explain our authoring criteria we have uploaded the information in the AUTHORS’ CONTRIBUTIONS on pages 16 (lines 12-22) and 17 (lines 1-2).

Thank you again for your suggestion and your time.