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Dear Editor,

At the last communication we had the below was stated:

The only aspect not completely clear to me was how topic 6 of reviewer #1 was handled, which is about the availability of sequences described in your manuscript in an accessible database. In the response to reviews-section you wrote that “The BaliMei Influenza sequences have also been submitted to GISAID”, but I missed an indication of accession numbers related to this information in the manuscript. The availability of datasets, on which the conclusions of the paper rely to readers is very important to BMC Infectious Disease. Therefore, the decision is minor revision, but I ask only that you respond to this last issue to cover topic 6 of reviewer #1, for instance by providing database accession numbers for the generated "BaliMei influenza
sequences”. I do not intend to send your revision back out to the original reviewers, instead I will review your response myself again and render a final decision.

We have since (as indicated) added our sequences to GISAID, they are under the following isolate numbers:
EPI_ISL_269742, 269775-269786, 269904-269921, 269929, 269971-269983, 270025, 270047-270048, 270064, 270142, 270150-270152, 270182 and 270214-270222.

We have searched for those sample on the EpiFlu Database over a number of days and we can locate them.

I would be grateful if you could advise on the next steps.

Thank you very much for your patience and support,

Best regards,

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