Author’s response to reviews

Title: Characteristics of diarrheagenic Escherichia coli among children under 5 Years of age with acute diarrhea: a hospital based study

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Dear editors,

Thank you very much for giving us this opportunity to send back a revised manuscript. We have added a list in the following to provide a point-by-point description of the reviewers’ comments.

Editor Comments:

1. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication.

Response: Thanks for your question. We have revised our manuscript carefully and have used reputable English language editing service (Editage [www.editage.cn]) for English language editing, which is expected to meet the requirement for publication.
2. Please ensure author initials follow the format first name last name in the “Authors’ contributions”. Also, please ensure that the individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section.

Response: Thanks for your question. We have checked “Authors contributions” part carefully, and ensure that author initials are correctly written and all authors contributed the present study have been properly mentioned.

3. There is no need to supply a cover letter at this stage.

Response: Thanks for your suggestion. No cover letter is attached, all the responses have been pasted on the web in relevant place.

4. Please remove the "Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing; Twenty-Fifth Informational Supplement" as a additional file.

Response: Thanks for your suggestion. This file has been removed.

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Response: Thanks for your suggestion. All the materials have been upload accordingly.

Reviewer reports:

1. Wafaa Jamal (Reviewer 1): The manuscript has been adequately corrected. The language was clearly improved, but, some minor English mistakes are still present and should be corrected. Just some examples:

   line 32, 120: "biochemical"instead of "biochemistry" tests
   line 39, 45, 151, 153, 169, 186, 206-209, 215, 222, 223, 274…: some underlined or colored words apparently with no reason
   lines 75-77: "However, etiology surveys… detail" - rewrite
   line 105: excluded "from" instead of "in"
   line 124: DEC "was" instead of "where"
lines 164-165: "Statistically significant was…" - rewrite

line 172: "the rest were girls…” should be removed

line 187: What does " .DEC co-infection mean?" Infection with more than one DEC pathotype? Rewrite.

lines 195 and 196: "of EPEC infected cases" can be deleted

lines 204, 217: "… DEC and aEPEC strains" does not seem ok, because aEPEC is a DEC subtype.

Response: Thanks for your suggestions. We are sorry for some confusions in the language expression and have corrected all the mistakes accordingly. Meanwhile, we have revised the whole manuscript carefully and used reputable English language editing service (Editage [www.editage.cn]) for English language editing, which is expected to meet the requirement for publication.