Author’s response to reviews

Title: Seroprevalence of dengue IgG antibodies in symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals three years after an outbreak in Zhejiang Province, China

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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript entitled “Seroprevalence of dengue IgG antibodies among patients and asymptomatic individuals three years after infection during an outbreak in Zhejiang Province, China” (INFD-D-17-01171R2). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. All the contributing authors have reviewed the revision and concur in the revised submission.

Respond to Editor Comments:

1. Respond to comment: Please clarify whether any minors (16>) were included in the patient sample in the methods section of your manuscript. If so, please clarify in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section whether consent was obtained from a parent or guardian on behalf of any participants under the age of 16.
Response: A total of 11 minors (16>) were included in the patient sample and their consents were obtained from a parent or guardian on behalf of them. We revised some sentences in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

2. Respond to comment: We have noticed that since the original submission, one author, Weihong Cui, has been added and another, Yingchun Xu, has been removed. Therefore, we require you to address COPE guidelines.

Response: We addressed COPE guidelines and uploaded change of authorship forms.

3. Respond to comment: Please represent authors' names using their full initials in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Response: We revised the Authors’ Contributions section according to your comments.

4. Respond to comment: At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: We uploaded clean version.

Respond to Chandima jeewandara (Reviewer 2):

1. Respond to comment: I would have rather selected a better WHO reference than quoting the fact sheet.

Response: We selected another reference.

2. Respond to comment: Page 7 line 57 ; should be corrected as - manufacturers instructions - in two places in the same line

Response: We revised it.

3. Respond to comment: page 8 line 6,7 "A positive ELISA result was defined as having > 11 Panbio units, 9-11 units was defi... " sentence needs completion

Response: We revised it.
Thank you for your valuable comments again.

We have tried our best to improve the manuscript and made some changes in the manuscript. We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers’ warm work earnestly, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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