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Dear Editor of BMC Infectious Diseases

We have reviewed the latest comments suggested by your reviewers. Please find below our point-by-point response.

We hope that you find the manuscript now suitable for publication.
Yours sincerely,

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Point-by-point response to comments

1. The current email addresses of all authors are listed below

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2. We have reviewed the guidelines regarding qualification for authorship. In addition to reviewing the literature, authors JE (Joanne Enstone) and JVT (Jonathan Nguyen-Van-Tam) have also participated in the analysis and interpretation of data, and revised the manuscript critically for its intellectual content. Based on their participation, we consider that they are qualified for authorship.

We have revised the manuscript accordingly and added the sentence “JE and JVT participated in the analysis and interpretation of data, and revised the manuscript critically for its intellectual content” in the paragraph of the authors’ contributions.
3. In the old Figure the aeroplane illustration was not our own but it has now been changed. In the new figure 1 the aeroplane (self-drawn) as well as the whole figure is our own, made by Ilpo Kulmala, one of the authors.

The revised picture has now been uploaded into the system.

4. The final, cleaned version of manuscript has now been uploaded to the system as well as the new version of the Figure 1.