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Dear Dr Devoto,

Thank you for the consideration you have given to our manuscript “Human rabies post exposure prophylaxis at the Pasteur Institute of Dakar, Senegal: trends and risk factors”.

We would also like to extend our thanks to your comments, which have allowed us to construct a more thorough and complete manuscript. Please find below our detailed responses, which have been highlighted in blue colour.

We look forward to future correspondence regarding our resubmission and are more than happy to provide further information on any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Emmanuelle Espié, on behalf of all the co-authors
Editor Comments:

Please include text in your manuscript to reflect your responses to the AE for points: i, ix and xi. Sentences have been added respectively in the abstract and page 6 lines 156-157 for the point i.

For the point ix (page 13 lines 181-184), “laboratory testing for rabies confirmation not regularly performed” is one of the reason that explains the complexity of the decision-making process for clinicians to implement or not a rabies post exposure treatment. The sentence is a general statement, but for more clarity, the sentence has been rephrased.

For the point xi, the sentence page 15 lines 328-331 has been modified.

Please go through your manuscript and rewrite the following sections in original language: the first 3 paragraphs of the Background, line 269-272, the paragraph at line 281-291, line 296-299 and line 311-316.

These sentences have been rephrased.