Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of Noroviruses in Children Hospitalized for Acute Gastroenteritis in Hohhot, China, 2012–2017

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Dear editorial board,

Thank you for your letter concerning our manuscript "Prevalence of Noroviruses in Children Hospitalized for Acute Gastroenteritis in Hohhot, China, 2012–2017” submitted to your journal. We are grateful to you and the editorial for the constructive and positive comments that helped to improve our manuscript significantly. All the comments and concerns have been addressed point-by-point and the manuscript has also been revised accordingly. Our point-to-point response to the editorial’ comments is attached below.

I would like this manuscript to be considered for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases and look forward to hearing from you soon.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you and the editorial for the constructive and positive comments.

With best wishes,
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Editor Comments:

1. As study participants are children (under 16 years of age), please clarify whether consent to participate was collected from the parents/guardians. If consent from guardians was obtained please provide details of how they were informed about the study and how consent was delivered to the study co-ordinators.

Response: Many thanks for the editor’s suggestion. Verbal consent was taken from the parents by the pediatrics make sure the parents fully understands the benefit and the risk to participant in the study. Only we get the verbal consent of the parents, the whole process of study will be started. All the pediatrics participated in the study were trained before the project was conducted.

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Response: Many thanks for the editor’s suggestion. The revised manuscript has been removed all racked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs.