Author’s response to reviews

Title: Development of a multiplex PCR to detect and discriminate porcine circoviruses in clinical specimens

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Dear Dr Cocks,

Thank you for spending so much time on our manuscript.

About the corrections, we carried out as follows:

1. Please provide clarification on the ownership of the animals used in your study. Were these research animals, or privately-owned? If the latter, please provide clarification on whether consent was obtained from their owners for samples to be taken.

   Please include the type of consent provided i.e. written or verbal.

   Alternatively, please detail the location of where the animals were purchased or donated from.

   Reply: About the animals used in our study are privately-owned. The samples are collected and sent to us by their owners. All the owners asked us to detect the PCVs using the multiplex PCR in this study orally.
2. Please confirm whether your study was submitted to and approved by your institutional ethics committee. If so, please clarify your statement on ethics approval and consent to participate in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section of the Declarations. Please include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs) that approved the study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

Reply: Yes. Our study was submitted to and approved by our institutional ethics committee. We added the information in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section of the Declarations.

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Reply: The map depicted in figure 1 is designed by ourselves, it is original.

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Reply: We submitted a clean version as required.

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Thank you very much for your attention to our paper.
The best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

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