Author’s response to reviews

Title: Forecasting incidence of hand foot and mouth disease using BP neural networks in Jiangsu province, China

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Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your letter on 3 Sep 2019, in which you informed us to revise our manuscript “Forecasting incidence of hand, foot and mouth disease using BP neural networks in Jiangsu province, China” (Manuscript ID: INFD-D-19-00160). According to your comments, we have made some minor revisions to the manuscript.

The following is the point-to-point response to the comments. We hope that the revisions will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.
Yours sincerely,

Wendong Liu

Response to the comments

1. Please change the section heading “Materials and Methods” to “Methods”.

Response: Thanks for your suggestion. We have revised it.

2. As many abbreviations are used throughout the paper, we ask that you include a list of abbreviations (before the declarations section) for reference and ease of reading. All abbreviations should still be defined in the text at first use.

Response: Thanks for your comment. We have added the list of abbreviations.

3. Please include a statement on ethics approval and consent to participate in the “Ethics 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.

Response: Thanks for your comment. We have added the statement on ethics approval.

4. In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: Thanks for your suggestion. We have clarified that “The funders had no role in study design, data collection and analysis, decision to publish, or preparation of the manuscript”.

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