Author’s response to reviews

Title: Species-specific characteristics of the biofilm generated in silicone tube: an in vitro study

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Dear reviewers

Thank you for critically reviewing and pointing out my script. Based on what the reviewers pointed, I revised my script.

For first reviewer (Bahram eshraghi)

1. We exchanged endoscopic DCR to DCR for extending meaning with additional reference about this issue

2. We added references and used them in discussion. and there seems to be no English paper on experiments with forming biofilm on silicone tube in vitro. So I think this paper could be valuable.

For second reviewer (Thomas E. Johnson)

1. I have read the papers of Samimi et al mentioned by reviewer and used them in discussion. As a limitation of those studies, it was studied only in South Florida so it was impossible to apply it to other areas. And S.aureus, S.pneumonia, C.matruchotii, P.aeruginosa were detected in other study conducted in my hospital (Title : clinical significance of biofilm on silicone tube removed from patients with nasolacrimal duct stenosis, submission accept for publication to Journal of
Craniofacial surgery) Also the frequency of detection of these bacteria was high in other journals, we experimented with these four bacteria.

2. To clarify the meaning of the sentence, we deleted the word like “and so on” and added a reference.

3. At the time of writing the paper, data after 7 weeks were lost and could not reflected in the results. However, after the endeavor, I have recently recovered the data and no I could add all data. But if you do not want it, I will attach it in supplement form without changing the original. Data related to S.pneumonia from 8 weeks to 12 weeks were attached and reflected in the corresponding figures and table. There was no change in the conclusion of the script. Also, figure 1 was removed as recommended, and the caption for 3 was further specified.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

With best regards,

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