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To Peter O’Donovan,
Executive Editor, *BMC Pediatrics*

Dear Dr. O’Donovan,

We are sending enclosed the revised manuscript “*Surfactant does not protect preterm infants from early deaths in northeast Brazil*” for your appreciation. As requested, the following changes were made:

1. Reformatting of the Abstract section: The abstract of the manuscript should not exceed 350* words and must be structured into separate sections: Background; Methods; Results; Conclusions

   *Done, the abstract now has 278 words*

2. Requesting for Authors’ Contributions section: - For manuscripts with more than one author, all BMC Series journals require an Authors’ Contributions section to be placed after the Competing Interests section.

   *Done, we introduced an Authors’ Contributions section after “Competing Interests” and before “Acknowledgements” that reads: All authors have participated in the concept and design; analysis and interpretation of data; drafting or revising of the manuscript, and approved the manuscript as submitted. ECMC participated in the design of the study, collection, analysis and interpretation of the data and writing the manuscript. AJL participated in the design of the study, interpretation of the data and writing the manuscript. MFBA participated in the design of the study, interpretation of the data and writing the manuscript. RG participated in the design of the study, statistical analysis and interpretation of the data and writing the manuscript.*

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We thank you for the appreciation of our manuscript and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

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