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Title: Nebulised Hypertonic Saline (3%) Among Children With Mild To Moderately Severe Bronchiolitis - A Double Blind Randomized Controlled Trial.

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To,
The Editor-In-Chief,
BMC Pediatrics,

Subject: Submission of the revised Manuscript after making changes desired by peer review process

Respected Sir,

Most humbly and respectfully, I’d like to express my overflowed gratefulness for the swift processing and peer review of our manuscript. I’d also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Peer Reviewers for highlighting the drawbacks, grammatical and typographic errors, text formatting and the expert editing of our manuscript.

I’m hereby submitting the revised manuscript along with the revised supplemental files as demanded by the peer review instructions. I’ve also tried to adhere myself as closely possible to the BMC Pediatrics manuscript guidelines for reporting original article

I’ve enlisted below the revisions made as demanded by the peer review process.

1. Revisions suggested by Linzie Zhang

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<td>1. The mean reduction in CS score should be presented rather than the percent of patients who had significant reduction.</td>
<td>The desired mean reduction in CS scores data placed in the text instead of percentage reduction.</td>
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<td>2. The percent of patients who were ready for discharge and the relapse rate in each group with p values.</td>
<td>Desired percentage along with p values added in the text.</td>
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<td>Duplication of content in the Inclusion Criteria and the Study participants section.</td>
<td>Inclusion criteria label omitted and the text merged in the Study participants section.</td>
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<td>Interventions and patient assessment should be presented separately.</td>
<td>Patient assessment measures have been separated and presented prior to Interventions section.</td>
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### Results

- Dependant variables need to be replaced by Continuous variables. **Done accordingly.**
- Page 9, lines 13 – 15
  - Page 9, lines 19 – 20
  - Past tense of all verbs need to be done. **At the start of treatment omitted**
    - The data from Table-7 presented descriptively. **All statements converted to past tense.**

### Discussion

- Duplication of content in ‘Interpretation’ and ‘conclusion’. **Interpretation section omitted from the manuscript.**

### Figures

- Figure-2 should be withdrawn. **Figure – 2 withdrawn.**

### Tables

- Table-4. 95% CI refers to what? **95% CI in Table-4 refers to the difference between group means.**
  - Table -5. At the end of 2 hour of treatment to be added to the title in Table-5. **Desired text Added to the title of Table-5.**

3. **Revisions Suggested By I. Axelsson.**

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mean age 1.51. Rectified. Celsius used instead of Fahrenheit.

Table -4. O min should be 0 min Rectified.
Table -5. CI should include the means. The means of CI placed alongwith.

I’d be glad to make any other needed changes, should it arise, as dictated by the Peer Review process and editorial comments.

Sincerely yours,

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