Author’s response to reviews

Title: Racecadotril in the treatment of acute diarrhea in children: a systematic, comprehensive review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Dear editor,

Thank you for your mail dated January 8th, in which you inform us on remaining reviewer comments and your editorial decision. We have studied those carefully and respond as follows:

Reviewer Philippe Lehert: We agree that a network meta-analysis may provide additional insight given the large heterogeneity of background treatments. On the other hand, that racecadotril was consistently effective vs. some many different comparators gives robust support for its overall effectiveness. As suggested by Dr. Lehert, we have added language to reflect this and discuss the resulting limitations (p. 12 of revised manuscript).

Reviewers Morris Gordon and Jaspreet Gharial had no further comments.

Editorial office comments:
Title page now has mail addresses of all authors.

The body of the manuscript ends with a Conclusions section (section 7 on p. 17).

We hope that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication with these modifications and thank the reviewers for their time and effort to help improving it.

Kind regards on behalf of all authors,

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