Author’s response to reviews

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Messers James Edwards, Jing Zhang, Emily Joachim and Abduzhappar Gaipov
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Urinary tract infections in renal transplant recipients at a quaternary care centre in Australia

Dear Messers Edwards, Zhang, Joachim and Gaipov,

We would like to thank you for considering our original research for BMC Nephrology. The reviewers comments are helpful and our responses to these have been amended in the text and also listed below.

With respect to Reviewer 1’s comments:

Thank you for your comments throughout the text. We have addressed each comment.
• We have clarified the definition of adult. This can be found in the Methods section, line 132, page 5.

• We have clarified the definition of complicated UTI used for the study. This can be found in the Methods section, lines 152-155 , page 6.

• We have clarified the use of induction agents. This can be found in the Results section, lines 181-184, page 7.
• We have amended our sentence structure in the Results section, lines 203-205, page 8, to clearly delineate between those who had a simple versus a complicated UTI.

• We removed the percentage used for 1 patient. This can be found in the Results section, line 217, page 9.

• We have clarified that our results are looking at two years post transplant, not two years post UTI. This can be found in the Results section, line 232, page 9. This was also amended in the following parts:
  - Background section of Abstract, line 44, page 2.
  - Conclusions section of Abstract, line 67, page 3.
  - Results section, lines 234 and 236, page 9.
  - Discussion section, lines 303, page 12.

• We agree with your comments regarding trimethoprim usage and its effect on serum creatinine. We have amended our sentence. This can be found in the Discussion section, lines 277-279, page 11.

• We have kept our original comments about ‘milder infections’ and have included new references from other cohorts which had higher rates of complicated UTI. This can be found in the Discussion section, lines 284-289, page 11.

With respect to Administrative Consent:
• As mentioned in the Declarations section on page 13, our study was approved by the Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (approval: HREC/17/QRBW/371). We had permission from the Ethics Committee to access the raw data.

With respect to Authors’ contributions:
• This has been amended to accurately reflect everyone’s involvement in the project. This can be found in Authors’ contributions, pages 13-14.

With respect to the Conference abstract:
• This has been included in the Acknowledgements section, page 14.

This paper is original work and has not been published elsewhere. All authors contributed significantly to the paper, have no conflicts of interest and have approved the final version of this manuscript. All authors of this paper have read and give approval for the submission of this manuscript.

I thank you for your reviews and further consideration of this paper.

Yours sincerely,

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