Author's response to reviews

Title: Microvascular obstruction and endothelial activation are independently associated with the clinical manifestations of severe falciparum malaria in adults; an observational study.

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Dear Dr Lee,

Thank you for your email of 6 May advising us that our manuscript “Microvascular obstruction and endothelial activation are independently associated with the clinical manifestations of severe falciparum malaria in adults” (MS 2007987475163109) has been accepted for publication.

As per your email we have now added a section outlining the authors’ contributions, we have made a statement regarding consent and also recorded the names of the local ethics boards from which ethics approval was sought, viz:

**Ethics review**

All of the studies from which data were analysed received prospective ethical approval from the Bangladeshi Medical Research Council, the institutional ethical board of Ispat General Hospital, and the Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Ethical Committee. (ISRCTN registration numbers: ISRCTN 27232551, ISRCTN 20156397 and ClinicalTrials.gov identifier NCT00692627). **Family members provided written informed consent, via a local interpreter, before participants were enrolled into the studies.**

We have added the suffix “an observational study” to the title to meet your formatting requirements. Otherwise there appear to be no formatting issues, but please let us know if we have overlooked something.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of all the authors