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Dear Prof. Balsano and Prof. Chuang,

Response to Comments by Peer Reviewers - Manuscript 33999

Thank you for the peer-review report and I am grateful for the comments shared by the peer reviewers for my manuscript entitled "Conjugated hyperbilirubinemia presenting in the first 14 days in term neonates".

With regard to the details pertaining to measurement of conjugated bilirubin in our study as raised by one of the reviewers (00158730):

- 1 & 3) Conjugated bilirubin (CB), was measured using an automated diazo dye reaction method, from venous blood obtained by venipuncture in all patients.
- 2) Blood samples were delivered immediately to the laboratory in specimen tubes that were circumferentially covered with the patients' identification labels, thus minimizing the effect of light on the samples.
- 4) All blood samples for CB undergo automated estimation of the hemolysis index by the technique of absorbance measurements performed on serum at various wavelengths. Samples that were found to be hemolysed based on established laboratory criteria were rejected and not processed, and repeat blood samples would be obtained and reprocessed.

I have added these details to the manuscript in the 'Methods' section which are highlighted.

I hope you will find our revised manuscript suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
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