

Reply to the Reviewer/Editor.

Dear Respected Editor/Reviewer,

Good day

Thank you for your thoughtful and constructive feedback on our article titled "Salivary C Reactive Protein and Mean Platelet Volume as Possible Diagnostic Markers for Late Onset Neonatal Pneumonia: A Prospective Study." We appreciate your positive assessment of our work's scope, structure, and readability, and we are committed to addressing the specific suggestions you have provided to improve the manuscript. All the changes were marked in red for easy tracking by the reviewer. The manuscript looks much better with these changes, and we tried to improve the language as much as possible. Thank you again for your precious assistance.

Here we are replying point by point:

Reviewer 1:

a) This interesting paper opens the door to new opportunities for managing severe infections occurring in the neonatal period. Salivary samples are easy to obtain and may become a more appealing option to determine inflammatory markers.

Our reply: Thank you very much for your positive comments.

b) A limitation of the study is the limited number of patients assessed, but this may be a first step towards multi-center collaborative studies.

Our reply: We already mentioned this limitation in the limitation section. These changes are highlighted in red color.

After completing these revisions, we believe our article has been even more valuable to the scientific community, providing a deeper understanding of the relationship between renal tubular acidosis and renal calcification in children. We genuinely value your feedback, which will help us enhance the quality and impact of our work.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to resubmitting the revised manuscript for your review.

Sincerely,

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