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Reviewer Response:

Reviewer #1:

1. There are some grammatical errors in the text which should be corrected.

Corrected

2. The tables are not the normal way. Please correct them into three-line tables.  
Tables were corrected into three-line tables.

Reviewer #2:

This complication of all known pediatric cases is a useful contribution to the medical literature, and knowing it is possible but rare is important, but the report could be improved by relatively minor additional comments and analysis by the authors assuming they have familiarity with both adult and pediatric cases of MERS.

Thank you and we are familiar with the adult MERS-CoV literature

As in adults there appears to be at least 2 types of infectious routes (camel exposure) and household contact with someone with MERS.

We added the discussion about this point

There also appears to be a male predominance. Could the authors comment on whether camel exposure is common among children <14 and if there tends to be a male predominance of children exposed to camels or is it gender neutral?

We included a discussion about the male to female ratio

Can the gender be calculated separately for household vs zoonotic cases?

Few cases in each arm to allow separate calculation

In adult MERS is there any evidence that smoking is a risk factor?

Since the main theme of the manuscript is childhood MERS we did not discuss this issue in adult

Serology testing found no cases but please comment on whether this test was done on highly exposed cases. Are there some children that are highly exposed to camels including infected camels but not infected or serologically positive.

Finally the results section doesn't refer to Table 2 and it doesn't add much. In my opinion it should be deleted or referred to specifically in the discussion perhaps addressing better some of the gender issues above.

The reference to table 2 is included.

Minor issues in the introduction should be "three different patterns" Corrected

In the discussion Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) should follow prior to the first use of the abbreviation

Corrected

Longevity is spelled with an e

Corrected