

To

The Editor

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Resp Sir

Many thanks for the review of the article, Manuscript NO: 57757, 'Influenza B infections in children- a review'. The article is now revised based on the reviewer's comments and the changes are highlighted in red fonts. The article is also English edited again. A reply to reviewer's queries has been attached herewith for your kind persual. I hope the revised manuscript is now acceptable and expect the reply from you soon.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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Many thanks for the review and constructive suggestions

Reviewer 1

1. In the introduction, it would be beneficial to briefly relate to type C as well before you concentrate on type B, which is the subject of the article.

Many thanks for the suggestion. A brief information on type C is now included in the introduction.

2. In the Epidemiology and disease burden section, you relate to the relative lineage described by Mancinelli et al in Italy for the years 2012-2013, however, a recent thorough analysis of the epidemiological signature of influenza B virus and its B/Victoria and B/Yamagata lineages in the 21st century by Caini et al (PLoS One, p2019 Sep 12;14(9):e0222381) should be referenced as well, as it included > 1.8 million influenza cases that occurred in thirty-one countries during 2000-2018.

Appreciate this suggestion. This article has been referenced and information has been included in the text as well.

3. Please give a reference to the statement that “The cases occur usually from December” in the Clinical Features Section. My understanding from the article published in Nature. 2015 Jul 9; 523(7559): 217–220. called “Global circulation patterns of seasonal influenza viruses vary with antigenic drift” is that the influenza infections occur at different seasons depending on the geographic location.

Agree with your information. The information is corrected now. The reference for December to May has been corrected.

4. In the section “How is Influenza B different from Influenza A” adding a table comparing the various parameters reviewed could be beneficial to the reader. I suggest adding one.

Thanks for suggestion. A table has been added now.

5. Several sentences are not clear as a word or words are missing. Please carefully revise all the manuscript as this repeats itself many times.

Corrections are made now.

6. Please revise the following sentence, as it is not clear: “The 2-mg/kg/dose of oseltamivir found to provide exposure to the active metabolite oseltamivir carboxylate equivalent to that effective dose for the treatment of influenza in adults, 75 mg twice a day.

Revised

7. Language: Minor polishing

The whole manuscript is language edited again

Reviewer 2

The review article of this study is interesting. However, major revisions are needed for publication.

Many thanks for constructive suggestions.

1) Virologic features of influenza B should be described.

Virological features are now added.

2) The differences of influenza A and B in epidemiology, virology, host factor, clinical features, treatment, prognosis, vaccine, etc. should be summarized in a table.

Thanks for suggestion. A table has been added now.

3) Moreover, figures should be used to help reader to understand this article.

A table has been added now. Sorry that I am unable to add any figure.

4) English should be improved

The script is language edited again

5. Language- minor language polishing

Language polishing has been done.