

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS

**Reviewer's code:** 03537167

Dear reviewer,

We are grateful for the great evaluation of our manuscript. We have corrected the spelling error you indicated (blue emphasis in the manuscript file). Unfortunately, the reference 21 is not indexed in Pubmed, but we will explain it to the editor.

Best regards,

Fabrício Freire de Melo

Professor, PhD

**Reviewer's code:** 02736604

Dear reviewer,

the comments you made on our manuscript were very important to the improvement of its quality and we are grateful for your crucial help. Our manuscript was transferred to another BPG Journal (World Journal of Clinical Pediatrics) and here are the point-to-point changes made in order to improve the presentation of the results, methods, and other aspects of the paper according your suggestions:

1. We numbered the pages;
2. We improved the methods description and reduced the section on ethical considerations (red emphasis in the manuscript file);
3. We improved the presentation of the results, providing the previously absent information requested by you (yellow emphasis in the manuscript file);
4. We added three tables containing result data. We described the socioeconomic characteristics of the participants in Table 1, the sensitivity profile of the strains analyzed in Table 2, and the detection of virulence genes in Table 3 (yellow emphasis in the manuscript file);
5. The errors in the reference list were corrected (yellow and red emphases in the reference list)

Best Regards,

Fabrício Freire de Melo

Professor, PhD