Author's response to reviews

Title: Dose-Response Models for Selected Respiratory Infectious Agents: Bordetella pertussis, group A Streptococcus, rhinovirus and respiratory syncytial virus

Authors:

Rachael M Jones (rjones25@uic.edu)
Yu-Min Su (ysu26@uic.edu)

Version: 3 Date: 20 January 2015

Author's response to reviews: see over
First, we must apologize that our point-by-point response to the initial review comments was not transmitted to the reviewer. We prepared that document, and believe it was uploaded, but obviously something went wrong.

We appreciate that the reviewer feels that the paper has been improved.

Regarding minor essential revisions:
1. The typographical error of the word “due” has been removed from the abstract.
2. I looked up some grammatical websites regarding the past tense of the verb “fit”. It appears that in North America, both fit and fitted are acceptable forms of the past tense of the verb “fit” while in Britain fitted is standard. The word fitted has been used to reflect the global standard.
3. Excellent suggestion.
4. See response to #2
5. Changed
6. The sentence “Absent parallel studies in humans, it is not possible to evaluate whether the dose-response relationship is animals is equivalent to that in humans” has been replaced with “Unfortunately, unless studies have been performed in both humans and animal models it is not possible to evaluate the equivalency.”
7. See response to #2
8. The commas in Table 1 were to demarcate the thousand-th place. They have been removed for clarity.