

EDITOR COMMENT :

I went through the article and reviewers' comments. Giving due respect to the reviewers for their excellent suggestions, I would prefer not to accept the article except when the authors incorporate all suggestions.

Major issue includes Figures 3 and 4; what is the data represented by white bar graph?

However, if they correct this major issue, it can be accepted.

Author's Feedback:

I would like to thank you for your patience and encouragement. I have attached another version of the manuscript 2013_IJBcRR_7825.

I have made most of the requested corrections. First and foremost, I have corrected the figure legends that were of concern to the editor. I also cleaned up the reference section, and made many of the corrections suggested by the reviewers.

It is easier to describe, and defend, the corrections that I did not make:

We used plasma for the serum complement assay. Plasma is more easily collected in the field, results in a higher yield than serum, and can be used to obtain valid serum complement immune assay results.

I refuse to change the description of the centrifugal conditions as they are completely valid. For instance, "centrifuged immediately at 5000xg for 3 min at ambient temperature". We are not trying to be disrespectful to the reviewer or editorial staff, but we feel that just because a reviewer does not like specific verbiage does not mean that it is incorrect.

We would, once again, like to thank the reviewers and editorial staff for their time and patience during this review process.