

Justification for changes in my report

Both reviews on my report suggested changing the title as it was very broad. My initial title was “Antigen vaccines” which was changed to “Designing antigen vaccines against ExPEC *E.coli* causing urinary tract infection”. According to (Blackwell and Martin 2011) it is important to include the key words that describe the project and the field of study it encompasses. The new title is specific as it includes the key words that help describe the project. It included the vaccine type, the bacteria and the disease it causes.

Both reviewers indicated that the abstract was well written. Therefore there were no changes made.

One of the reviews indicated that, there was a use of long sentences throughout the report. Therefore, I shortened some sentences mainly in the introduction section. As a result, repetition of information was avoided.

There were also some grammar changes I made. They were mostly subject/verb in agreement which were corrected. Some sentences were also rewritten as they were presenting confusing information. For example the sentence “However, UPEC sometimes causes acute pyelonephritis if UPEC successfully ascend up the ureter into the kidneys (1) which can then potentially lead to sepsis, bacteraemia and kidney failure” was replaced by “If UPEC successfully ascend up the ureter into the kidneys it leads to acute pyelonephritis, which can evolve to sepsis, bacteraemia, and kidney failure”.

One reviewer also indicated that there were redundancies in some sentences. For example in the sentence, “this step was repeated again”, the word “again” was removed.

The method also used some repetition of structures such as “The blot was then”. Therefore it was replaced by words like “following this”, “the next step was”.

It was also commented that the discussion was well structured and had a good conclusion. Hence no changes were made.

One of the reviews also suggested using active form. Since the use of passive form is becoming acceptable and preferable, there were no changes made. According to (Zeppetella 2012) the use of passive form makes it interesting and easier to understand.

References

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