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Title: C-reactive protein serum levels as an early predictor of outcome in patients with pandemic H1N1 influenza A virus infection

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Professor Melissa Norton., Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Professor Norton,

Please find attached a manuscript entitled "C-reactive protein serum levels as an early predictor of outcome in patients with pandemic H1N1 influenza A virus infection". We are submitting this material with the request that it will be considered for publication as an original research article in BMC Infectious Diseases.

The data predicting which patients with pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection are likely to run a complicated course is sparse. Our report is focused upon identifying markers on admission, in patients with H1N1 virus infection that are predictive of an adverse outcome. Although the pandemic has passed, we believe that the data from our research may contribute to the management of patients with suspected Influenza virus infection in the next flu season – whatever would be the strain of the virus that will cause the next outbreak.

This paper is not under consideration elsewhere, none of the paper's contents have been previously published, all authors have read and approved the manuscript and there is no conflict of interest.

Sincerely,

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