Reviewer's report

Title: Mycoplasma hominis necrotizing pleuropneumonia in an immunocompetent adolescent

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
The manuscript needs extensive editing and revision. The chronological order of the events is haphazard and does not follow a sequence. Few examples are:
1. The first paragraph of introduction should be omitted.
2. Introduction should focus on the role of Mycoplasma in respiratory diseases rather than extragenital infections.
3. The sentence "We report......." could be rewritten as "we report a case of severe pneumonia and pericarditis caused by Mycoplasma hominis.....
4. Page 4 Para 2 Line 3 "Cultures of empyema fluid..." should be rewritten as "Culture of pleural effusion for aerobic pathogenic bacteria was negative....
5. Next line "M. hominis was then detected" Detected in which sample is not clear.
6. Page 4 Para 3 "Antibiotic susceptibility tests..." were many tests performed?
   revealed resistance to macrolides( the individual antibiotics should be mentioned )
7. Page 4 Para 4 line 2 It is not clear as to the methods which were employed since there are no references given. What do the authors mean by "serology test" for Mycoplasma pneumoniae. The expressions are non scientific.
8. Discussion: (Pascal et al., 2009, submitted for publication is not a correct expression.. it should be written as "unpublished"
9. Page 6 Para 3 The Mycoplasma hominis.....showed full susceptibility- it is not a scientifically correct expression.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests