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**Title:** An outbreak of multidrug-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii associated with bronchofiberscopy in an intensive care unit in Beijing, China

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Dear Editor,

Please find the enclosed our manuscript, entitled "An outbreak of multidrug-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* associated with bronchofiberscopy in an intensive care unit in Beijing, China" by Han et al., for your kind consideration. We would like to have our manuscript evaluated as a major article in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Bronchofiberscopy is used increasingly for diverse examinations and treatments in the Chinese ICUs and multidrug-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* has emerged as a serious nosocomial pathogen in Chinese hospitals.

We described a nosocomial multidrug-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* outbreak which was significantly associated with bronchofiberscopy. To the best of our knowledge our finding is the first one to draw the novel attention of the transmission of multidrug-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* through bronchofiberscopy. The outbreak was successfully contained by strengthening infection control procedures.

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Requests 1:

** In addition whilst we appreciate that much personal data has been removed from table 1 we still think individuals could be identified from the data presented and would like to request that you revise this table further. Please note that we will not be able to proceed with this submission until this has been done. We would like to request that you revise Table 1 to contain more general information such as:

Underlying diseases: list the diseases

Infected/colonized: 8/4 etc

Answer: We have already deleted the underlying diseases and the infection status of the patients in the Table I and listed briefly the diseases in general and indicated the cumulative data for infection and colonization in the Results section of the revised manuscript (Page 10, First paragraph, line 5-6; Second paragraph, line 2-3). We think the individuals could not be identified from the data presented now.

We hope that our revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the BMC Infectious Diseases, and eagerly await your response.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Li Han