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Title: Gene and cytokine profile analysis of macrolide-resistant Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection in Fukuoka, Japan

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Dear Philippa Harris

We are enclosing the manuscript entitled “Gene and cytokine profile analysis of macrolide-resistant Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection in Fukuoka, Japan” by Matsuda Kentaro, Narita Mitsuo, Sera Nobuyuki, Maeda Eriko, Yoshitomi Hideaki, Ohya Hitomi, Kakuma Tatsuyuki, Araki Yuko, Fukuoh Atsushi, and Matsumoto Kenji for consideration as a research article in BMC Infectious Diseases.

This work describes the present status of M. pneumoniae infection in Japan based on several laboratory findings. We believe the paper may interest your readers in particular because we observed a small outbreak of an M. pneumoniae genotype with a rarely-reported A2063T mutation and clarified its clinical features.

We warrant that all authors have seen and approved this version of the manuscript, and the article is original, is not under consideration by another journal, and has not been previously published.

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Thank you for your attention to our paper.

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