Author's response to reviews

Title: Two severe cases of H7N9 pneumonia patients with immunoneuroendocrine axis dysfunction and vitamin D insufficiency

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Prof. Dale Barnard and Nathaniel Nazareno, Editor
BMC infectious diseases
Re: MANUSCRIPT No. 2020232478109660: “Two severe H7N9 pneumonia patients with immunoneuroendocrine axis dysfunction and vitamin D insufficiency”

Dear Prof. Dale Barnard and Nathaniel Nazareno,

We wish to thank you and the two reviewers for considering our paper (“Two severe H7N9 pneumonia patients with immunoneuroendocrine axis dysfunction and vitamin D insufficiency”, MANUSCRIPT No. 2020232478109660), for publication in BMC infectious diseases.

As requested, we have enclosed a revised clean copy. Below, we provide point-by-point responses to all of the reviewers’ comments.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Leng Lin

REVIEWER(s)' Comments to Author:

Comments
1. The manuscript needs to be revised-some minor modifications needed. The authors should be allowed space to describe the detailed methods of avian-origin influenza A (H7N9) virus identification. This is most important to virologists who will read the paper.
Response: We had added the detailed methods of avian-origin influenza A (H7N9) virus identification in manuscript.

2. The author mentioned First, whether loss of cortisol rhythm, elevated cortisol? Second, whether correction? Stronger evidence is required to answer those questions. This should be addressed. The authors need to delete this hypothesis or find in the literature studies that would support the hypothesis.
Response: We had deleted this hypothesis in manuscript.