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Dear Neil,

Thank you for your good comment. We carefully checked the manuscript (MS: 6753742771243645), and provided a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns.

**Question 1:**
Requesting consent statement:

Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian. Please clarify if the clinical specimen were obtained as part of normal care.

-- Please include the ethics approval statement and reference number for the ethics committee approval in the Methods section as detailed in the instruction for authors.

**Answer:** Informed consent for participation in the study was obtained before this study, but we forgot to write it in our manuscript for our mistake. Thank you for your advice, we added it in the Methods section of the new revised manuscript. Additionally, the attachment file also included the ethics committee approval of our study.

**Question 2:**

-- Please check figure 1 because it has been uploaded as a figure as well as added as the end of the manuscript. Please let the figure as part of the figures section and removed from the end of the manuscript but ensure that the figure legend remains.

**Answer:** According to your good suggestion, we removed the figure 1 from the end of manuscript, and ensure the figure legend remains, and let the figure 1 as part of the figures section.

Because of the poor speed of our internet web, it is regretful that the revised manuscript is not uploaded to the journal "BMC Infectious Diseases", so that we address to you.

We expect that the revised manuscript can be considered for acceptance.
Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or questions regarding your manuscript.

Best regards,

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