Author's response to reviews

Title: Catheter-associated bacteremia by Mycobacterium senegalense in Korea

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Dear Editor of *BMC Infection Diseases*:

Please find an attached file which is a revised manuscript (MS#: 5116914177253636) entitled “*Catheter-associated bacteremia by Mycobacterium senegalense in Korea*” by Dr. Oh et al.

I received some comments from two reviewers about this manuscript. First of all, I would like to appreciate their critical review and comments. Those opinions and comments were very helpful to improve the manuscript. I tried to revise all points mentioned by reviewers as below. Revised portions are highlighted. I hope that this revised manuscript would be accepted for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*.

Thank you again.

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REVIEWER 1:

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Was the CVC cuffed or uncuffed?
   - Cuffed CVC was used.
   “The patient had a subclavian cuffed-CVC (Hickman catheter) on the right side with no evidence of the inflammation at the exit site.” (Page 3, line 17-18 in the revised manuscript)

Minor Essential Revisions
1. On page 9, clarithromycin is misspelled.
   - It’s our typo error. We rewrote it. (Page 9, line 6 in the revised manuscript)

REVIEWER 2:

Weakness
1. The basic colony morphology and growth requirement were not mentioned at all. Some basic phenotypic characteristics should be mentioned in addition to the growth rate and acid fastness.
   - As suggested by the Reviewer, we mentioned some basic phenotypic characteristics in addition to growth rate and acid fastness.
   “On the second hospital day, all 3 sets of blood cultures grew gram-positive, acid-fast bacilli. The cultures from the CVC became positive more than 2 hours earlier than that from a peripheral vein. Non-pigmented and pinpoint-shaped colonies were observed on blood or chocolate agar plate after 3 days of incubation at 37°. It did not grow well on McConkey agar plate. As it grows, the color of the colonies becomes pale-yellow.” (Page 3, line 22-23 & Page 4, line 1-4 in the revised manuscript)

2. History of contact with bovine spp or products should be elicited.
   - The patient had no history of contact with animals including bovine and their products.
   We wrote it in the original manuscript in part but clarified it in the revised manuscript.
   “She had no history of travel or contact with animals including cows or their products.” (Page x, line x-x in the revised manuscript)

3. Environmental screening if performed should be mentioned.
   - Regrettably, we did not perform environmental screening.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.
   - As suggested by the reviewer, the revised manuscript was checked by an English native speaker.