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Dear Editor,

Thank you for agreeing to publish our manuscript. We have made the following changes:

1. The order of the authors was changed to be consistent on the title page and on the submission page.

2. The figure legend was moved to follow the references.

3. The figure was cropped. The word "Figure" was omitted.

4. Since we submitted the revised version of the manuscript in early February, we sent the case and control specimens to Didier Raoult in Marseille so he could repeat our in-house IFA. The results of this are now mentioned in the discussion, with a reference suggesting that the sensitivity of his assay may be lower than for commercial assays which may explain the unanticipated negative results.

Yours sincerely,

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