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The authors now have also briefly described the experimental conditions for the 16S rRNA gene analysis. They state that they have used primers 8F and 1492R described by Schmidt and Relman and describe they obtained a 647 bp PCR product. The numbers in the names of the primers used denote their positions on the 16S rRNA gene. Hence the PCR product obtained by this primer set should have been 1485 bp. Either different primers were used or something else is wrong. This point should be clarified.

RESPONSE: We apologize for the incorrect number of base pairs stated in previous manuscript. We did have more than 1400 base pairs amplified using the above primers, and this was consistent in all three isolates. We have made the corrections in the revised manuscript.