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Title: Clinical Characteristics of the Autumn-Winter Type Scrub Typhus Cases in South of Shandong Province, Northern China

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RE: MS: 3905916322295992
“Clinical Characteristics of the Autumn-Winter Type Scrub Typhus Cases in South of Shandong Province, Northern China” by Yunxi Liu et al.

Dear Dr. Todd,

We are pleased to re-submit the enclosed manuscript for publication in the *BMC Infectious Disease*. The title of our (revised) manuscript is: “Clinical Characteristics of the Autumn-Winter Type Scrub Typhus Cases in South of Shandong Province, Northern China”.

We greatly appreciate your comments on our manuscript submitted previously. In light of your suggestions, we have revised the paper accordingly. Enclosed are a point-by-point response to your comments and the revised manuscript.

We thank you for considering the manuscript and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Yunxi Liu, MD, PhD

Enclosures:
1. A point-by-point response sheet.
2. Revised manuscript (clean version).
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1. Please state the conclusions of your investigation in a dedicated "Conclusions" section in your manuscript. This should follow your Discussion section. Instructions on how to prepare this section may be found here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/ifora/#conclusions

Reply: Following Discussion section, we have added the conclusions of our investigation in a dedicated "Conclusions" section in our manuscript (page 19, 2nd paragraph).

2. Please remove this statement from your manuscript: "Yun-xi Liu and Dan Feng are equal contributors." We do not permit such declarations.

Reply: We have removed the statement from our manuscript: "Yun-xi Liu and Dan Feng are equal contributors." in light of your suggestion.