Reviewer’s report

Title: Adenovirus type 7 associated with severe and fatal acute lower respiratory infections in argentinian children

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The author said in the answer to the reviewers that they recorded only fatal cases occurred during the hospitalization regarding the mortality rate and the cases with follow-up study are scarce.

@ In the text of page 5, paragraph Clinical features and outcome of 17 patients and Ad genotypes (Table 2)h. Out of the 12 patients with Ad 7h, 3 died, 3 recovered 1 or 2 weeks after hospitalization, and six patients were lost to follow up because their parents took them another hospital. What was the outcome of these six patients? How many of them were recovered or dead in the acute phase of illness? As for the mortality of Adenovirus infection, outcome of the patients should be mentioned in the acute phase of the infections not in the sequela long after the Ad infection. The author said that the study is not a follow up study. If these six patients were transferred to another hospital in the acute phase, the outcome and complications of these six patients after transfer should be related to the mortality, not to the follow up study and should be mentioned. When the authors could not follow them after the acute phase, I can agree the statement of the author. When the authors had the information about this point and all six patients were recovered, this should be mentioned in the text. And the author had no information after the transfer, these patients should be deleted.

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