Author's response to reviews

Title: Ventriculitis due to Staphylococcus lugdunensis: a case series

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JMC Editorial Team,

Enclosed you will find a revised version of our manuscript, “Ventriculitis due to *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*: a case series”, which is being re-submitted for publication in JOURNAL OF MEDICAL CASE REPORTS.

We appreciate your suggestions for its improvement and we have incorporated them into the revised manuscript. A list of our modifications is enclosed, with specification of page and line numbers for each revision.

In closing, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to express our gratitude for the attention that has been devoted to our work. We hope that the present version of the manuscript will be acceptable for the publication in JMC.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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REPLY TO REVIEWER: Prof. Michel Drancourt

Comments to authors:
I do recommend that the authors precise the sequence similarity percentage of 16S rDNA and rpoB for their isolates, that they deposite the sequences in GenBank and provide accession number for their sequences

Reply. According to the suggestion of the reviewer we precised the sequence similarity percentage of 16S rDNA and rpoB for our isolates in the new version of the manuscript (page 7; lines 14-18), and deposed our sequences in the GenBank database. The accession numbers are reported in the new version of the manuscript (page 12).

REPLY TO REVIEWER: Prof. Lawrence Cone

Comments to authors:
This is a well written and well diagnosed study of S. lugdunensis involving the central nervous system in 2 patients. The microbiologic workup was excellent. I am not certain that in the presence of meningitis that IV vancomycin would not be effective

Reply. The sentence has been deleted in the new version of the manuscript, as suggested.