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Dear Editor,
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We submit the electronic form of the above mentioned manuscript revised in accordance with the instructions for authors as indicated.

In detail:
1. A conclusion section as the last section of the text was included.
2. A list of abbreviations used in the manuscript was provided.
3. A declaration that the authors have no competing interests was added.
4. An authors’ contributions section was included.
5. A consent section was included explaining that the consent could not be obtained in this case since the patient is deceased and next of kin were untraceable. We believe this case report contains a worthwhile clinical lesson which could not be effectively made in any other way, also because the virological assays performed in this case, (that usually clinicians do not consider in their clinical practice) could add important information for the management of this acute illness.
We took extra care to remove any identifying characters from the text. Finally the manuscript was fully revised following the word template-JMCR.

We made every effort in revising the manuscript for consideration for peer review.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best wishes.

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