Author's response to reviews

Title: Lobar pneumonia caused by Ralstonia pickettii in an elder patient: case report

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for the thoughtful and thorough review of our paper. We have extensively revised the paper. We believe that the revised paper is clearly improved and the novel and significant nature of our case report should satisfy requirements for publication in the JMCR.

Below, we have included a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments.

**To reviewer Michael P Ryan:**

In “Case Presentation”, API 20 NE system was used to identify the bacteria....

In the “Discussion” paragraph 2, antimicrobial susceptibilities were studied by the disk diffusion method.

The figures have been provided in a separate file.

All the minor comments have been revised according to the reviewer’s suggestion and language have been extensively corrected.

**To reviewer Beatriz Moreira**

There was no usage of respiratory therapy solutions previously, and this excluded the possibility of exposure to fluids contaminated with *R. pickettii*.

We have provided the history of exposures to antimicrobial agents.

The title has been shortened according to the reviewer’s suggestion.

Reference 1 has been corrected to an appropriate one.

In the second paragraph of “Introduction”, hyperlipidemia is an error and has been deleted.

Two samples in pure cultures grew *R. pickettii*....

**To the editor**

The ethnicity of the patient is Han Chinese.
The figure title and legends have been written after the reference list.

We are looking forward to a favorable decision of our work. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me (hebeihuxi@sina.com.cn).

Sincerely,

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