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Dear Deputy Editor,

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your comments.

1. In the case presentation section for case 1, the sentence "Male, Caucasian, 69 years, BMI 30.6. Remote medical history: coronary artery disease, chronic renal insufficiency, hypertension and type 1 diabetes." would better read "A 69-year-old Caucasian gentleman with a past medical history significant for coronary artery disease, chronic renal insufficiency, hypertension and type 1 diabetes..."

RE: The sentence was modified

2. In the case presentation section for the first patient, the sentence "After 24 hours the patient was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) and presented persistent fever (39.0°C), dry cough and respiratory failure." should be "After 24 hours the patient was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) and presented with persistent fever (39.0°C), dry cough and respiratory failure."

RE: The sentence was modified

3. "On physical examination in the Emergency Room (ER), patient showed a temperature..." should be "On physical examination in the Emergency Room (ER), the patient showed a temperature..."

RE: The sentence was modified

4. "Vital signs were: blood pressure 135/70 mm Hg; heart rate 50 beats min⁻¹; respiratory rate 34 breaths min⁻¹; oxygen saturation 88%, on 50% inspired oxygen." should be "Vital signs were as follows:"

RE: The sentence was modified

5. "PCR determination of buccal swab for H1N1 influenza A virus was positive." please don’t start a sentence with an abbreviation (spell the term out when it begins a sentence).

RE: The sentence was modified

6. "On the fifth day patient was extubated and started non invasive ventilation. Patient
was dismissed from the ICU on day 21." should be "On the fifth day the patient was extubated and started non invasive ventilation. The patient was dismissed from the ICU on day 21."
RE: The sentence was modified

7. For case 2 the sentence "Female, Caucasian, 71-years, BMI 25.6. Remote medical history was positive for hypertension, type 1 diabetes and chronic hepatitis C." would better read "A 71-year-old Caucasian woman with a past medical history significant for hypertension, type 1 diabetes and chronic hepatitis C..."
RE: The sentence was modified

8. "Patient reported since 8 days dry cough and fever (39.2°C) associated with sore throat and nasal congestion." should be "The patient reported an 8 day history of..."
RE: The sentence was modified

9. In case one the term "C.reactive protein 205 mg/L..." should be “C-reactive protein 205 mg/L..."
RE: The sentence was modified

10. For case 2 the sentences "On the ninth day patient underwent percutaneous tracheostomy. Patient was dismissed from the ICU on day 35." should be "On the ninth day the patient underwent percutaneous tracheostomy. The patient was dismissed from the ICU on day 35."
RE: The sentence was modified

11. In the discussion section, the sentence "During 2009 spring..." should be "During the Spring of 2009..."
RE: The sentence was modified

12. In the discussion section the sentence "In our cases all the signs and symptoms, (including respiratory failure..." should be "In our cases all the signs and symptoms, (including respiratory failure..."
RE: The sentence was modified

13. "Hence tests with monoclonal antibodies that react with H1N1 but not seasonal influenza A (H1N1 and H3N2) or B viruses were developed" the word "develloped" is not spelled correctly. It should be "developed".
RE: The sentence was modified

14. "Early and rapid diagnosis of H1N1 related respiratory insufficiency needs rapid screening..." there should be a hyphen between the words "H1N1" and "related".
RE: The sentence was modified

15. "We do think that the immediate suspicion for Legionella infection based on clinical history, X-ray abnormalities and Winthrop-University Hospital Infectious Disease Division?ś diagnostic weighted point system scale (Table 2) were fundamental for a successful resolution [6],[7]." at the end of that sentence the references should be properly
bracketed as follows: "[6,7]"
RE: The sentence was modified

16. I suggest wording the consent section as follows: "Written informed consent was obtained from both patients for publication of this case report and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this journal."
RE: The sentence was modified

17. Please have the authors go through the manuscript again with a native English speaker and double check any other grammar or spelling errors that I may have missed.

In line with the Deputy Editor’s recommendation, we request that your manuscript be checked over by a native English speaker and the language revised. If this is not possible, or has already been done, you may need to use a professional copyediting service. It is important that the quality of language is of a high standard before the manuscript can proceed to the next stage of the review process so that the case can be clearly understood and fairly assessed.