Author's response to reviews

Title: Disseminated Mycobacterium bolletii infection in a patient with idiopathic CD4+ T-lymphocytopenia

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Dear Editor,

please find enclosed the revised version of the manuscript “Probable disseminated Mycobacterium bolletii infection in a patient with idiopathic CD4+ T-lymphocytopenia” (MS: 1800570754649016-RV)

All the comments of the two reviewers have been taken into due consideration and the text has been corrected accordingly. The changes have been indicated by using the highlighter tool in Word as you asked.

General Comments:
• We included the study design in the title.
• We included the ethnicity, sex and age of the patient in the abstract.
• We removed the dates found in the case presentation.
• We inserted separate headers for Consent, Competing interest and Authors contribution sections.

Regarding the specific comments of the reviewer 1 (S. Leao):
• We renamed Micobacterium bolletii as a subspecies of M. abscessus according to the recent taxonomic changes in the whole text, in figure and in table legends.
• The purpose of the white arrows in the figure was mentioned in the legend.
• We included some comments on the interpretation of susceptibility tests.
• We added two new references.
• We made some language corrections.

Regarding the specific comments of the reviewer 3 (R. Duarte):

• The new taxonomic status for M. bolletii was included in the title.
• We revised some format details and punctuation in the whole text.
• We modified table presenting criteria of interpretation of susceptible/intermediate/resistance according to the guideline published by Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (2003).

Yours faithfully,
Raffaella Rubino