Author's response to reviews

Title: Streptococcus acidominimus causing invasive disease in human, a case series

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Dear Editor,

Thanks for giving us the precious opportunity to improve and potentially publish our work.

According to the reviewers’ suggestions, we have made the following improvement correspondingly.

1. Please include the Ethnicity of the patient in the Abstract and Case presentation sections.

   Response: Yes, we agree. We have added the Ethnicity of the patient (in Chinese population) in the Abstract (P2, line 7) and in the first paragraph of Discussion section (P6, line 10).

2. Please include a Conclusions section as the last section of the text. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

   Summary illustrations may be included.

   Response: Yes, we agreed. We have added the Conclusions section as the last section of the text at the bottom of Page 7. We did not put the summary illustrations as all the information has been included in Table 1 and 2. An additional illustration might seem to be overlapping with these tables.

3. Please reformat the Authors’ Contributions section at the end of the manuscript, before the reference list. We suggest the following kind of format (please use initials to refer to each author’s contribution):

   Response: Yes, we agree. We have reformatted the authors by using the initials to refer to each author’s contribution in Page 8.

4. In response to the opinion by Aman Dalal, we agree, and we have added the animal exposure history in the Discussion section: “All these five patients had no history of pet or animal exposure or work exposure to animals/bovine.” (the first sentence of the second paragraph, Page 6).

5. According to the suggestions by Aman Dalal, we agree, and we have added the follow-up results for each patient in the last sentence for each case. Also, we added the antibiotics duration for Case 5 as indicated by this reviewer (Page 6, two lines above Discussion). The antibiotics duration for other cases have been indicated already.

6. In response to the question about the choice of quinolones over beta lactamics.

   According to antimicrobial susceptibility, for Case 3 and Case 4, both were resistant to beta lactamics but sensitive to Fluoroquinolones. Then, fluoroquinolones were chosen. For Case 1, it showed similar sensitivity with either beta lactamics or fluoroquinolones. So, both beta lactamics and fluoroquinolones are effective in this case. We used fluoroquinolones in Case 1.

7. Regarding the grammatical errors, we had made corrections for some grammar and spelling
mistakes. We are sorry for those grammatical errors.

All together, we have not submitted this article elsewhere. All the co-authors have read the manuscript and approved its submission. We the authors also agree to pay any fees related to the publication for this manuscript. Your consideration of publishing our work will be greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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