Author's response to reviews

Title: Clinical and microbiological characteristics of purulent and non-purulent cellulitis in hospitalized Taiwanese adults in the era of community-associated methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus

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Dear Dr. Logan,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 2018843135165305

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Clinical and microbiological characteristics of purulent and non-purulent cellulitis in hospitalized Taiwanese adults in the era of community-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*”, which we would like to resubmit for publication as a research article in *BMC Infectious Diseases*.

The comments of the reviewer were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following pages are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the reviewer.

Revisions in the text are highlighted in yellow. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Responses to the comments of Reviewer #1

1. Line 286. What is meant by "between the two groups"? What 2 groups are compared here?.
   Response: The “2 groups” was corrected as “purulent and non-purulent groups. Page 13, lines 286.

2. Lines 324 and 326. "Streptococcus" should be italicized and capitalized
   Response: It was corrected as referee’s recommendation.” Page 14, lines 324,325.

3. Table 3. First row of data. "Diagnostic tool performed" is not clear still. The authors mentioned in their response letter what is meant by this, but this phrase is not usually used in English, so can they please define it in a footnote? Can they restate it as "Diagnostic test performed"?
   Response: “Diagnostic tool” is corrected as “diagnostic test”, and a footnote, stating “It means blood culture, wound culture, ASOT, and puncture biopsy”, was added. Page 31, lines 579.

4. Table 6. The title of the table is not clear. Can the authors state it something like: "Multivariable analysis of risk factors for MRSA infection in the 211 adult patients with final pathogen diagnosis"?
   Response: The title of table 6 was corrected as “Multivariable analysis of risk factors for MRSA infection in the 211 adult patients with final pathogen diagnosis”. Page 34, line 596.