Author’s response to reviews

Title: Detection of SFTS Virus RNA and Antibodies in Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Surveillance Cases in Endemic Areas of China

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Dear Editor:

I am very glad to receive your quick reply about our paper entitled “Detection of SFTS Virus RNA and Antibodies in Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Surveillance Cases in Endemic Areas of China” (INFD-D-18-01831R4). We carried out some essential revisions in below.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you very much!
Response

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Response: Thank you very much for your suggestions. According to our article, we revised this part to “The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are not publicly available due to consent for data sharing not being obtained at enrolment, but aggregate data are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.” (Line 225-228, page 13)

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Response: Thank you very much. We followed these suggestions.

3. After carefully reading our article again, we found that table 2 already contained the contents of figure 1 and figure 2. Therefore, we deleted figures 1 and figure 2.

Sincerely,

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