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To Prof Cecilia Devoto:

I am pleased to submit a systematic review entitled “Diversity of infectious aetiologies of acute undifferentiated febrile illnesses in South and Southeast Asia: A systematic review” by my colleagues and myself for consideration for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.
Acute undifferentiated febrile illness (AUFI) is causing significant morbidity and mortality in the South and Southeast Asia. However, there is a lack of good quality information on the causal organisms in these regions. This study attempts to provide a synthesis of common infectious aetiologies of AUFI by region, age and health care settings. The provision of accurate epidemiological data for common pathogens will enable identification of changing patterns of disease aetiology and burden, allowing informed priority setting, and optimal allocation of resources to key areas. Understanding the common causes of AUFI in resource-poor settings in tropical and subtropical countries will help improve case management.

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Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Dr Kinley Wangdi