Author’s response to reviews

Title: Clinical characteristics of acute Q fever patients in South Korea and time from symptom onset to serologic diagnosis

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Dear Simon Reid,

Thank you for your very important comment for my manuscript. We would like to resubmit our revised manuscript to BMC Infectious Diseases. I enclosed the revised manuscript and a point-by-point response letter.

We really appreciate the editor and reviewers.

Best regards,

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We changed the word “increased” into “direct”.

We changed the word “animal contact” into “direct animal contact”.

We removed the sentence in results section. We added some explanation for this case in Discussion section, line 286 - 289.

We modified the sentence to make its meaning clear.

We deleted the sentence to avoid unnecessary repeat.

We modified the paragraph to explain the gender disproportion of Q fever patients in this study.

We modified the sentence to make the meaning clear.