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Title: Yersinia pseudotuberculosis infection in Kawasaki disease and its clinical characteristics

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Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for your email.

We’d like to submit our revised version according to editor’s comment as follows.

Editor’s comment:
Before we proceed we need to discuss table 1 with you. This table contains individual data that compromises anonymity such as age and gender. We would like to confirm whether written informed consent was obtained to publish the patient data and information. If not, we would like to request that these are replaced with tables containing cumulative data instead such as 'Age: 50-60'.

Please be aware that 'consent to participate' and 'consent for publication of clinical details' are two separate issues and that both forms of consent are required."

Yes. We confirmed our consent forms again and the consent included both to participate in this study and publication of clinical details. Therefore, we added some sentences stating this to the Method.

Additional formatting request:

1. Ethics:
   Please update your ethics statement to include the name of the Institutional Review Board that approved your study.

   We added the sentence ‘With Japanese Red Cross Society Himeji Hospital ethics committee approval, all KD patients hospitalized from April 2013 to
March 2014 in the Japanese Red Cross Society Himeji Hospital were prospectively included in this study. Written informed consent to both participate in this study and publication of clinical details were obtained from all parents or guardians.’ to the Method.

2. Consent:
Please state in the Methods section whether written informed consent for participation in the study was obtained from participants or, where participants are children, a parent or guardian.

The answer to the question 1 may answer this, as well.

Thank you so much for your kind remarks and considering our manuscript.

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

Sincerely,

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