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Title: Using a practical molecular capsular serotype prediction strategy to investigate Streptococcus pneumonias serotype distribution and antimicrobial resistance in Chinese local hospitalized children

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Dear Dr Ines Lopes de Sousa,

RE: MS: 1670154452176925 - Using a practical molecular capsular serotype prediction strategy to investigate Streptococcus pneumoniae serotype distribution and antimicrobial resistance in Chinese local hospitalized children

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We are pleased to address the editor’s comments point-by-point as below.

Question 1. We notice, however, that the section on Additional files still states that these have been deposited in an open access repository. Please remove this section from the manuscript, as the files are now correctly uploaded.

We believe it would be preferable if you remove the section “Additional files” (lines 412 to 416) and instead provide an “Availability of data and materials” section stating "The dataset(s) supporting the conclusions of this article is (are) included within the article (and its additional file(s)). The GenBank/EMBL/DDBJ accession numbers for the new cpsB sequences from this study have been submitted to GenBank with accession numbers KT164777-KT164783 and are listed in Supplementary Table S3."  

Answer: Thanks for your suggestion. We have removed this section (Additional files) from the manuscript and provided an “Availability of data and materials” section according to your suggestion.

Question 2. According to our editorial policies, consent to publish is required when indirect identifiers are provided for any participant. Supplementary Table S1 provides indirect identifiers such as age and gender and consent to publish is therefore necessary. Please confirm whether written consent to publish this specific information was obtained from the participants' parents/guardians, clearly stating this in the manuscript. If not, please remove either gender or age information from the table.

Answer: Thanks, though we have stated this in the manuscript lines 107-109. However, to maximum protection of patient’s identity, we have removed age and gender from the Table S1 and included a statement in our manuscript according to your suggestion.
Thank you for taking the time to consider this manuscript for publication.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Qiyi Zeng