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Title: Clinical course and complications following diagnostic bronchoalveolar lavage in critically ill mechanically ventilated patients

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Dear editor,

Once again, thank you very much for your suggestions to further improve our paper. We very much appreciate the extraordinary support from the reviewer and editorial office.

We cite the statement of the reviewer first and subsequently give our comment and describe revisions.

please change 'computer' to 'computed' tomography at page 8, by the end of the first paragraph

please change 'BA' to 'BAL' in the sentence at page 9, at the beginning of the second paragraph 'a decrease of >25% PaO2/FiO2 ratio compared to baseline was registered in 29% of patients one hour after BA'

The spelling mistakes were corrected.

Table 2: I would change the title in 'Alternative diagnosis in patients with negative bacterial growth BAL result'. Furthermore, mycoplasma, legionella and tuberculosis lung infections should be included within bacterial BAL positive results and therefore removed from the table. Accordingly, percentage data have to be changed in the text.

This was changed as suggested.