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Thank you very much for your letter dated Sep 25, 2015, about our manuscript entitled, “The clinical features of respiratory infections caused by the Streptococcus anginosus group” (PULM-D-15-00001). We deeply appreciate your interest in our manuscript and your courteous reply.
We have read the informative comments very carefully, and have rewritten our manuscript accordingly. We are hereby sending a revised version of our manuscript, together with our point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ comments.

We hope that our responses are satisfactory, and that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Pulmonary Medicine. We are looking forward to your favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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1. Please provide Conclusions section.

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Thank you very much for this comment. We provided conclusion section as follows.

Before
Page 21, line 10:
In conclusion, we summarized the clinical characteristics of patients…

After
Page 21, line 11–12:

CONCLUSION
We summarized the clinical characteristics of patients…

2. Format Authors' contributions to use author initials rather than full names.

<Response>

Thank you very much for this comment. We revised format of Authors' contributions bellow

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3. Clarify in the Authors' contributions that all authors read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

<Response>

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4. Please provide in the Acknowledgement with details of any funding.

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