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Dear Professors Sanjay Chotirmall and Giovanni Sotgiu,

Thank you very much for your letter dated Oct 1st, 2015, about our manuscript entitled, “The clinical features of respiratory infections caused by the Streptococcus anginosus group” (PULM-D-15-00001) by Shingo Noguchi et al.. We deeply appreciate your interest in our manuscript and your courteous reply.
We have read the comments of the reviewer and have rewritten our manuscript. We are hereby sending a revised version of our manuscript, together with our point-by-point responses to the comments of the reviewer and the Editorial Office.

We hope that our responses are now 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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Reviewer reports:

Before publication, You need to indicate the difference between authors Kazuhiro Yatera and Kei Yamasaki in the Author's Contribution.

<Response>

Thank you very much for your comment. We have reworded them to distinguishable of authors Kazuhiro Yatera and Kei Yamasaki in the Author's Contribution as follow. If these revision were inappropriate, we would appreciate if you would suggest proper way.

Before

Author contributors: SN (designed experiments, data collection, performed data analysis, wrote the first draft), KY (designed experiments, performed data analysis, provided intellectual contributions), TK (data collection, provided intellectual contributions), KY (data collection, provided intellectual contributions), KN (data collection), KA (data collection), IS (data collection), HI (provided intellectual contributions), CY (provided intellectual contributions), HM (conceived & designed experiments, provided intellectual contributions).

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If ethics was not required for your study, then this should be clearly stated and a rationale provided.

<Response>

We have already stated about ethics in “Study design and patients” section as bellow.

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This study was approved by the Human and Animal Ethics Review Committee of the UOEH (No. 26-229), and was in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki.

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<Response>

Our study is a retrospective study, and this study was approved by the Human and Animal Ethics Review Committee of the University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan (No. 26-229) concerning about the use of individual clinical data.

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<Response>

Our data did not include the result of any nucleic acid sequences, protein sequences or atomic coordinates. We have described the related data as many as possible in the main manuscript and additional supporting files.

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<Response>

We have revised the Author contributions as described above.