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Title: A returning migrant worker with avian influenza A (H7N9) virus infection in Guizhou, China: a case report

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Dear Editor,

We appreciate you and the reviewer for the careful read and thoughtful comments of our manuscript titled "A returning migrant worker with avian influenza A (H7N9) virus infection in Guizhou, China: a case report". We have carefully taken your comments into consideration in preparing our revision. Below is the point-to-point response to the concerns:

Reviewer 1:

1. Phylogenetic analysis should be involved instead of comparing the homology with other viruses only.

Answer: Thanks for your comments. Phylogenetic analysis of all eight segments was added as Figure 2 and the descriptions were added as well in line 116-117 and line 251-256 in the revised manuscript. However, as more new sequences of H7N9 viruses were available now in GISAID (The Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data). New viruses that show a higher homology with the Guizhou virus isolated from the patient were added instead of previous ones. Hence, we also updated the results in Table 2-3 and relative descriptions in the revised manuscript in line 112-116.
2. As a case report, all drugs that had been used for the treatment should be listed. CT value from the diagnosis should be reported instead of positive/negative.

Answer: Thanks for your comments. Drugs that had been used for the clinical treatment were only available when the patient sought medical care in the township hospital and the general hospital in Zhunyi City. This was added as Table 1 in the revised manuscript. The description in the main text was also specified in line 94-96 in the revised manuscript. The CT value from the diagnosis is listed in line 90 in the revised manuscript.

We also revised the endnote style of the reference as the journal suggested and all files are correctly formatted.

Thank you for considering this manuscript. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely Yours,

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