

Dear reviewers and editors:

Thank you for your appreciated suggestions. All authors have read and approved the manuscript. We have carefully taken the reviewers' comments into account and provided response to each of the points raised by the reviewers. Some necessary corrections have been made, please refer to the present manuscript text.

To question 1: Discussion section may be shortened and discuss that are most relevant to the findings.

According to the advice of the editor, we shortened the part of "DISCUSSION" and adjusted the content of the halogen dishes to the "INTRODUCTION" part. We deleted the content that was not directly related.

To question 2: Follow the documents for typo errors.

We fixed the typo carefully and invited the language editor for final polish.

To question 3: Modify as per comments stated in the documents.

We carefully re-examined the manuscript and revised the

manuscript according to the professional opinion of the editor.

1. Two references were deleted in 'BACKGROUND' and 'Core Tip'

2. We placed the patients' occupational history, elaborate the exposure pattern and duration in "History of past illness".

3. We elaborated the breathing difficulty in "Physical examination".

4. Upon confirmation, we modified "inhaled pathogens" to "inhaled antigen".

5. Follow your suggestions, the portion of the halogen dishes was incorporated in "INTRODUCTION" section.

6. We reviewed a great deal of literature. Indeed, this is the first case of FHP in a halogen dishes manufacturer caused by spices globally, which was confirmed by the presence of fibrosis through histological evaluation of TBLB and percutaneous lung puncture. So we added the word of "globally" in the manuscript.

To question 4: Put a recent reference in serial no. 9.

We have added two new related references.

References:

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