

Dear Reviewers,

First, we would like to thank you for a detailed review of our manuscript and all of your valuable remarks. We have addressed them all in detail below. We hope that you will find our explanations and manuscript modifications sufficient for reconsidering its publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

With kind regards,

Authors

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1. The topic is interesting, the authors should emphasize the need of prospective studies to confirm it.

**Re: We have emphasized the need for prospective studies in the revised Conclusions section.**

2. Another topic that should be emphasized are the new diagnostic tests for bacterial infections (i.e. fluorescence in situ hybridization, and mass spectrometry).

**Re: We have mentioned about these alternative methods in the revised Discussion.**

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3. The only information which is lacking and it would be very helpful in understanding the mechanism leading to fatality is the time corresponding to the symptoms before the hospital admission. If that information is available or can be obtained, please include in the communicate.

**Re: Actually, this information was included in the original version of the manuscript: “Based on the information from his father, the boy had a fever and adipsia for several hours and vomited twice. The symptoms appeared in the afternoon a day before the hospital admission...”.**