

Dear editor:

Thank you very much for your decision letter and advice on our manuscript (#66889) entitled "Streptococcal pneumonia-associated hemolytic uremic syndrome treated by T-antibody-negative plasma exchange in two children". We also thank the reviewers for the constructive comments and suggestions. We have revised the manuscript accordingly. In addition, our point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below this letter.

1. Reviewer:

"Were they from the same region? both were exactly 3-year-old? It would also be worthy to mention their vaccination status."

Answer:

They were both 3-year-old boys from Shenyang and had no contact history. Neither of the two cases were vaccinated against pneumococcal .

2. Reviewer:

About the EBV and influenza B virus infection

Answer:

Relevant antibodies are detected in the serum, and the diagnosis is indeed not clear so related content has been deleted.

3. Reviewer:

Prolonged PTT is not typical of HUS. Do you have an explanation for that finding?

What is your explanation for this very high D-dimer?

Answer:

I think that microthrombosis activates the fibrinolytic system is a reasonable explanation. Related content has been deleted.

We hope that our revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in your journal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,