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Evaluation of Multiplex Real-time PCR and WHO Criteria for Diagnosing Childhood Bacterial Meningitis in a Tertiary Referral Hospital in Iran

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1 Original submission

1 comment · 7 Apr 2020

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 7 Apr 2020

Dear Editor
The manuscript entitled "Evaluation of a Multiplex Real-time PCR and WHO Criteria for Diagnosis of Childhood Bacterial Meningitis in a Tertiary Referral Hospital in Iran" was reviewed, and it needs Major Revision.
Comments:
There are many typographical and English-language mistakes throughout that should be corrected.
Abstract:
-There are many grammatical and typographical mistakes in this part of the manuscript.
-The names of some pathogenic agents aren't correct, and their names must also be written in italics.
-The keywords aren't well chosen, and they must be arranged according to MESH.
Methods:
-There isn't anything about quality control in the steps of Real-time PCR.
Results:
-Some abbreviations of bacterial names aren't standard, and the names must be written in full.
-In different parts of the results, the positive samples differ.
-There isn't any information about the criteria for PCR for viral detection.
-References must be rewritten.
This manuscript can be published after addressing the comments mentioned above.
Best Regards

Decision:
Minor Revision

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dear Dr. Sedigheh Rafiei Tabatabaei-EIC | **Editor-in-Chief** | Archives of Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Pleased find enclosed our revised manuscript "**Evaluation of a Multiplex Real-time PCR and WHO Criteria for Diagnosis of Childhood Bacterial Meningitis in a Tertiary Referral Hospital in Iran**".

The points raised by you, and then those by reviewer 1, 2, and 3.

We would like to express our gratitude for the comments made by you and the Reviewers. We believe that the critiques on our initial manuscript have certainly

Improved the quality of our paper.

With best wishes,

Editors' suggestions

1. As you suggested, we have changed the abstract. We now more clearly list the aims of our study, and

(a) English text and typographical and grammatical errors were corrected

(b) Keywords were selected based on Mesh.

(c) All CSFs with Pleocytosis were tested for PCR virus.

(d) The references were updated and modified according to the journal format.

(e) The contradiction of numbers was corrected in different parts.

(h) The name of the bacteria Complete and written in Italian.

Kind Regards

2 Revision 1

0 comments

No public comments in this round.