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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting paper showing that IgA mycoplasma antibodies contribute to diagnostic yield increase, compared with usage of only IgM mycoplasma antibodies in older patients > 50 years old. Sample was adequate and derived from all age groups with lower respiratory tract infection. One remark: text needs minor editing.



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The submitted paper has demonstrated the usefulness of IgA in diagnostic of M. pneumoniae infections in older patients. Similar finding has also been reported by other investigators. More confirmation of the finding is of interest to infectious disease specialized. The paper is very straightforward with few comments. 1. Please indicate the cut-off values used for the interpretation of the respective tests for IgA, IgM, IgG 2. In M & M, the authors indicated that serological examination on 1067 samples were done. Although originally there were 2719 samples, but no work was performed on all the samples. There is no need to mention 2719 samples when nothing was done and they were initially eliminated because of the lack of request by GP for immunological testing. Stick with 1067 throughout the paper to eliminate any confusion. 3. What were the main inclusion criteria for 1067 cases? 4. Were there any correlations found between the Ig types and the hospitalization vs. out-patients cases? Please elaborate. 5. Check typing: Analyzed not analyzed.

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1. In the Abstract and Methods, the authors mention 1067 patients, but in Table 1 added 1077. Please correct. 2. Explain why was used chemiluminescent assay for the detection of IgG and IgM, and for IgA was used ELISA. 3. Mentioning which is the gold standard serology for mycoplasma. 4. Table 2 shows: IgM e/o IgE, which means? 5. According to the data of Table 3, p and CI 95%, the detection of IgA and increased diagnosis were significant in patients older than 70 years and not older than 50 years. 6. Update references.