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RETRACTED ARTICLE: Human H9N2 Avian Influenza Infection: Epidemiological and Clinical Characterization of 16 Cases in China

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The authors are retracting this paper owing to errors in the reported data. The paper claimed that 16 patient cases were infected with H9N2 virus. However, when the authors recently further investigated all the thirteen sera samples, no anti-H9N2 antibodies were found by the haemagglutination inhibition assay. Moreover, re-sequencing of the remaining five throat swabs showed all five samples were H1N1 virus. In previous experiments, samples were

possibly contaminated by H9N2 virus during RT-PCR amplification process, as there was an experiment using an avian H9N2 virus strain at the same time.

We therefore believe that the most appropriate course of action is to retract this Letter. All authors agree with the Retraction.

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