

AUTHORS' REPLY

Dear Sir,

We thank the authors for their valid comments. The point of our paper is to highlight what presents as a clinical problem on epidemiological grounds; as such, we did not pursue the molecular typing data. We will also like to clarify that at the point of writing our paper in 2005, we were not aware of the existing report of community-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* severe community-acquired pneumonia in Singapore from our literature search⁽¹⁾.

Yours sincerely,

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