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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	1. The introductory segment appears unduly long; Lines 22-47 can be summarized bringing out the key messages/information from the cited studies. 2. Line 115: Mean (SD) is not appropriate for descriptive characterization of age of the patients in this study. The age distribution is skewed as shown in figure 1 (i.e. not normally distributed). 3. Title is conventionally written below the corresponding figure (see figures 1-3) 4. The 'smaller peak of positive rates' said to have occurred in November (line 125) is not clearly depicted in figure 2. The smaller peak in November appears to be the number of ILI cases. 5. Lines 161-162: Cough (13.3%) had a higher specificity than fever (33.3%); this needs to be clarified. 6. Line 165: Is the specificity of fever and cough 0.42% or 42%?	1. Lines 22-47 were duly summarized to Lines 22 – 37 considering the comments from reviewer. 2. Lines 112- 114: The statement relating to the mean age was deleted, leaving only the median. 3. Lines 117, 126, 143: Title of figures moved to below corresponding figures 4. Lines 120 – 123: Reframed for peak in November to reflect ILI cases 5. Lines 154 – 155: Changed to cough having a lower specificity than fever 6. Line 158: The specificity of fever and cough changed to 42.0%
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		