Dear Constantinos Katevatis,

Thank you for your editorial comments for our ‘Rapid screening of bacteria-specific probes for interrogating distal lung infection in the intensive care unit by confocal laser endomicroscopy’ manuscript.

We have taken every effort to address each of your comments, and have included all track changes in the revised manuscript. Our responses to each of your points are detailed below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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• Please review and address the revisions and comments made on the most current manuscript file.

These have been addressed individually within the manuscript file.

• The language in the manuscript is not publication grade. Please take the time to proofread or send it for copyediting.

The manuscript has now undergone further proofreading to correct for grammatical errors.

• Please use American-English.

American English has now been implemented.

• Please add the following to the Table of Materials: FCFM imaging fiber software, data analysis software, etc.

This software was listed in the original table. It is called ‘IC-viewer’.

• After providing the necessary details, please highlight up to 2.75 pages of the protocol that you would like to film. Please note that complete sentences must be highlighted.

The highlighted text is less than 2.75 pages.

• Figure 1 – Please remove commercial language ‘Cellvizio’.

The commercial language has been removed.

• Figure 1/2/3 – Please provide higher resolution images.

We have provided figures at the highest resolution possible.