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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised paper entitled: “KPC-3 *Klebsiella pneumoniae* ST258 clone infection in postoperative abdominal surgery patients in an intensive care setting: analysis of a case series of 30 patients.” by Paola Di Carlo et al., to be submitted for publication in the journal of *BMC Anesthesiology*.

All the authors certify that they have contributed to and agreed on the content of the manuscript.

They state that the manuscript is original and that it has not been published previously, in any language, in whole or in part, and is not currently under consideration elsewhere. In addition, the research has conformed to the ethical guidelines of the 1975 Declaration of Helsinki.

Both referee have approved the final reviewed version of manuscript, and do not ask to make additional changes to the manuscript.

With reference to your request, the following sentence was slightly modified (highlighted in yellow) as follows (page 4, line 23).

<<Before starting treatment, informed consent, also regarding publication of the patient’s details, was obtained from each patient’s next of kin in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki.>>

Finally, the manuscript conforms to the journal style.

Yours faithfully,

Paola Di Carlo, MD