Reviewer's report

Title: 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.

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Reviewer: David van Duin

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Methods should clarify which method of antimicrobial susceptibility testing was used for which antibiotic.

2. Tigecycline MIC values of less or equal to 1 mg/L are considered susceptible by EUCAST. Do the authors have support for treating 0.8-1 differently?

3. In general, the organization of the results section is chaotic and should be improved.

4. Mortality "due to infection" is listed in results, but the methods do not describe how this was defined.

5. Analysis of the mortality is unsatisfactory. Too little detail is given, and it is not clear which test is performed. Would consider time-to-event analysis

6. "Treatment with high doses [...] abscess". what does "favorable outcome" mean here?

7. The last paragraph of the results are not results of the study and should be removed or moved to the discussion.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Please include units where applicable. For example age in years (first page of results)

2. The sentence "half of these patient [...] 2 years." is unclear and should be rephrased or removed.

3. include space between "outof"

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Until March of 2012, I was a speaker for Astellas and on a DSMB for Pfizer. Since then, I have no potential COI.