Reviewer's report

Title: Retrospective study of Necrotizing Fasciitis and Characterization of Its Associated Oxacillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus

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1. Its better to use methisilin resistant S. aureus in title instead of oxacillin-resistant, since in whole article MRSA is used.

2. In abstract section it's better to give first whole words of SCCmec and PFGE.

3. In table 1 better to give:
   - Age (mean, yr)
   - Male (n,%)
   - Comorbidities (n,%)
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   - Hospitalization (mean, day)
   - Underlying chronic disease
   - Diabetes mellitus (n,%)
   - Hypertension (n,%)
   - Chronic hepatic disease (n,%)
   - Malignancy (n,%)
   - Obesity (n,%)
   - Pulmonary disease (n,%)
   - Chronic azotemia (n,%)
   - Operative procedure (mean, n)
   - Reconstructive surgery (n,%)
   - Amputation (n,%)
   - Mortality (n,%)
   - Site of infection
   - Upper extremity (n,%)
   - Lower extremity (n,%)
   - Head and neck (n,%)
   - Trunk (n,%)
Body temperature (mean)
Shock (n,%) 
Leukocyte count ((mean cells/mm3)
Platelet count (mean, per mm3)
C-reactive protein (mean, mg/dl)
Antimicrobials
Clindamycin resistance (n,%) 
Erythromycin resistance (n, %)
Fucidic acid resistance (n, %)
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole resistance (n, %)

Legends
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**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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