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Major Compulsory Revisions
I am pleased that some of the gram negative isolates were sent for further testing. Unfortunately, the methods used are unable to adequately identify the isolates. The Vitek 2 is well-known to frequently mis-identify B. pseudomallei as B. cepacia complex, and occasional B. pseudomallei strains can be resistant to amoxycillin/clavulanate. I can only reiterate that the authors need to rigorously identify the isolates by additional methods, preferably by sending to a laboratory that is experienced at identifying B. pseudomallei and preferably involving some molecular methods. Community-acquired B. cepacia bacteremia is very rare, and this series of cases from an endemic area should be regarded as melioidosis until proven otherwise. For publication purposes alone, the identification needs to be rigorous.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests