Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clostridium difficile 027 infection in Italy: where are we now and where are we going?

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In current work, Stefano Di Bella et al. described some new cases of Clostridium difficile 027 (CD027) infection occurred in Italy. The author stated that CD027 is emerging in healthcare facility in Italy. However, there only 24 samples from 19 patients from central Italy and the author did not indicate whether these samples come from same or several different hospitals. Based on this data, it's difficult to get a justified epidemiological conclusion and the answers to the question "where are we now and where are we going" is perfunctory.

Other comments:

1. Is the 29 years old patient male or female? Whether this patient also get long term healthcare?
2. Besides CD associated infection, whether there are co-infection with CD?

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests