Reviewer’s report

Title: The distinct category of healthcare associated bloodstream infections

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The authors have substantially improved the work. However I still think the paper has two issues that must be addressed.

1. Again, they lack data on resistance regarding most GNR and this is a key issue for HCAI. The goal is to identify resistant pathogens. If they lack more clear data they just must state that.

2. Also, I remain unconvinced that they have clearly articulated the limitations of their definition of HCAI relative to others that have been proposed. I fear they are too liberal in its approach.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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