Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of urinary colonization by ESβL Enterobacteriaceae among permanent catheterised inpatient in Italian LTCFs

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minor revisions

The abbreviations follow the full names.

<abstract>
a prevalence point study is preferred to be changed to a point prevalence study
bla needs writing in italic
89.1% is required to change to 89.1%

<background>
of the E. coli resistant ones is preferred to be changed as of the cephalosporin resistant E. coli
-line 3, reference number 5 # 1?
-We accepted as significant a p<=0.05 # p<0.05

<Result and Discussion>
Line 2: North of Italy # north
Line 4: North # north, Centre # centre, South # south
Line 6: The majority 61.6% # 61.6%
Line 7: Sixty eight patients (32.2%) had a LTCF stay longer than 6 month # Sixty eight patients (32.2%) have stayed in the LTCF longer than 6 month
Line 11: Thirty-four molecules # Thirty-four antibiotics
16-119/185 (62.2%) urinary samples # 62.2% (119/185) of urinary samples (the same amendment with the rest is required)
Line 19: 1 was not screened # one strain was not screened
Line 36: Control centre # contact centre (table 4)
Line 37: in North and in Centre-South # in north area (CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4) and in centre-south area (CC5, CC6, CC7, CC8)
-Northern LTCFs # northern LTCFs
Line 50: BL-resistant # beta-lactam resistant
-a first Nation wide # a first nation wide
Line 53: among different centres
P value is not calculated but for decubitus in Table 3. The rest of the blanks is required to fill in.

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