Reviewer's report

Title: Klebsiella pneumonia septic shock and death in a patient with community-acquired Clostridium difficile colitis (CA-CDI):

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The manuscript by Heslop et al. described a fatal case of community acquired Clostridium difficile infection (CDI), demonstrating that CA-CDI can cause severe outcomes and should be treated as important as hospital associated Clostridium difficile infection.

1. The authors used “Klebsiella pneumonia septic shock and death in a patient with community-acquired Clostridium difficile colitis (CA-CDI)” as the title and also indicated the death of this patient was likely due to Kp caused sepsis. However, the patient was positive for K. pneumoniae on admission but was clear after antibiotic therapy. How do the authors conclude that the death was presumably resulted from Kp sepsis but not CDI?

2. Do the authors have the susceptibility and genotype data for the Kp strain?

3. The software and parameters used to generate the dendrogram should be given.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.