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We submit now our final revised manuscript MS: 1715919755833707
“Epidemiology and impact of a multifaceted approach in controlling Central Venous Catheter Associated Blood Stream Infections outside the intensive care unit” following your instructions and addressing reviewer comments.

We conducted an appropriate review of the text to correct remaining errors.

Revisions made: Comments to reviewer Francois L’Hériteau.

We provide the 95%CI for estimated CVC-ABSI incidence in Internal Medicine in 2009 (2.8; 95%CI: 0.6-10) and in 2008 (14.1; 95%CI: 6.5-27), and the comparison between 2009 and 2008, page 11, line 19-22.

As requested in the previous review, we measure device utilisation ratios of CVC, showing a decrease from 0.39 to 0.14 between 2008 and 2011, page 11 line 23-24; and in the discussion, page 15 line 8, we discussed that "This decrease in CVC exposure could in part explain a decrease in CVC-ABSI incidence".
We clarify that "65% of all patients with CVC followed in Internal Medicine (with and without CVC-ABSI) were patients with CVC inserted by ICU physicians", page 14 line 8, correspond to the actual situation. In the previous versions of their manuscript, we detect an error in translation when we stated that “65% of patients with CVC inserted by ICU physicians was followed in Internal Medicine wards”.

We have corrected an error in the calculation of the percentage of "Positive catheter tip culture", row number 17 in table 1. That does not change the result of the analysis.

We hope that the review of the remaining errors is sufficient for the publication of the article as soon as possible, since it is a topical issue.

We thank the reviewers' comments, which have undoubtedly contributed to very significantly improve the quality of the manuscript from the first submission.

Thank you very much in advance.

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