Reviewer's report

Title: The Impact of Inappropriate Antibiotics on Bacteremia Patients in a Community Hospital in Taiwan: An Emphasis on the Impact of Referral Information for Cases from a Hospital Affiliated Nursing Home

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Reviewer: Gokhan Metan

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This is an interesting study which shows the impact of appropriate empirical antibacterial therapy even in small hospitals.

Major compulsory revisions

none

Minor Essential Revisions

Table 1 is very long to follow. It can be separated to two tables.

Please give more information about how the medical record (submitted form nursing home doctors) help to choose the initial appropriate antibiotics. For example, colonization status, recent antibiotics, epidemiology of antibacterial resistance in nursing home, ...

Discretionary Revisions

As authors stated they didn’t compare the differences between patients with BSI from the hospital’s affiliated nursing home and from nursing homes without a relationship to the hospital to clearly identify the benefits of a hospital affiliated nursing home model. Analyzing these patients can give important clues about the role of hospital affiliated nursing home

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

None