Reviewer’s report

Title: Vancomycin and daptomycin minimum inhibitory concentration distribution and occurrence of heteroresistance among methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus blood isolates in Turkey

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Major Compulsory Revisions: None, the authors have adequately addressed all concerns.

Minor Essential Revisions: There are numerous spelling and typographical errors which need to be corrected throughout the manuscript.

These include multiple (too many to count) instances of missing spaces between words, including: the vancomycin (intro), daptomycin Etest (methods), colonies were (screening for hVISA). As similar errors in spacing, however, were noted in the online copy of my prior review, which did not contain such errors, I believe these were due to an error in the system, rather than the author's error.

Additional editorial corrections are:

The Etest MIC was rounded up to the next highest concentration of BMD for comparison the Etest and the CLSI MIC value where needed.

This statement does not make sense and there seems to be a clause/verb missing.

Perhaps the authors meant:

The Etest MIC was rounded up to the next highest concentration of BMD for comparison BETWEEN the Etest and the CLSI MIC value where needed.

In Screening for hVISA:

"All isolates were screened for the presence of the hVISA and VISA..." should be either

"All isolates were screened for the presence of hVISA and VISA" OR

"All isolates were screened for the presence of the hVISA and VISA phenotype"

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
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"