Reviewer's report

Title: Community-onset bloodstream infection with multidrug-resistant organisms: a matched case-control study

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Reviewer: Konstantinos Pontikis

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Dear Dr Alexiou,

the revised form of the manuscript addresses most of my concerns. Below are some points that, to my opinion, would add to the quality of the manuscript.

Discretionary revisions

1. I think that the commenting about severe sepsis/septic shock not being predictive of mortality should be incorporated in the manuscript.

2. Regarding the 'exclusion of repeat cultures from an individual patient growing the same organism within 14 days' I'm feeling that the authors need to report the number of excluded cultures, and whether these were predominantly healthcare-associated. I suppose that this number is small and does not alter the statistics (even if they were not excluded) but, in any case, I think it should be clear to the reader.

3. The lack of MIC reporting should be acknowledged as a study limitation.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.