Reviewer's report

**Title:** Feasibility and impact of an intensified antibiotic stewardship programme targeting cephalosporin and fluoroquinolone use in a tertiary care university medical center

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**Reviewer:** Carl Llor

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Minor essential revisions
Please explain the intervention carried out more in detail. This is the core of the paper and we do not know with the information provided. The details, such as who revised the guidelines (only the steering committee of the study or in association with other experts?), how many people attended the lectures you set up?

It is not clear to me how many beds were involved in this study. You comment first that the intensified stewardship intervention was focused on a 300-bed department but in the Methods section you mention a total of 400 beds in the surgical critical care and 250 extra beds in the ENT department. Please make all this information clearer.

Another aspect that warrants more discussion is why you wanted a reduction of 30% in the use of cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones? Please explain more in depth.

Discretionary revisions
Define ABS the first time it appears in the text.
Write the journals as recommended by Pubmed.

**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 I have no competing interests