Reviewer’s report

Title: A prospective observational study of the prevalence and risk factors for colonization by antibiotic resistant bacteria in patients at admission to hospital in Singapore

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This revised paper is a significantly improvement over the original. The authors have addressed all of my original comments satisfactorily. The revised paper is interesting for its study design and results. I have a number of further comments listed below.

1. Methods & Results: As “Community colonization” was analyzed in Results section, the definition of community colonization should be given in Methods.

2. Results, “Community colonization”, second paragraph & Figure 1: The information provided in current Figure 1 was vague – accurate percentage of patients colonized (with CI) should be given in each subgroup with or without antibiotic use, as well as exact p value. Maybe it is better to use a table rather than a figure here.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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