Reviewer's report

Title: Save Antibiotics: a desperate call for action of the World Alliance Against Antibiotic Resistance (WAAAR).

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Major compulsory revisions

1. Please provide some comments (or real data preferably) about morbidity, mortality and costs in relation to infections due to resistant - multi-resistant pathogens (in the main text).

2. You mention in the abstract as well as in the text (page 3) that transplants and immunosuppressive therapies may become risky and thus may be impossible to perform any longer. Please rephrase given that this statement is overemphasized. What about infection control and evidence-based procedures in the context of such therapies?

3. You mention "Vancomycin resistant enterococci are also very frequent". You need to provide data (%) here, as well as for other resistant pathogens. Your text needs more precise numbers and data.

4. Please use as a reference the recent point prevalence surveillance report by ECDC (across European hospitals).


5. Who is the target of WAAR? please present it.

6. Need to emphasize infection control. After all, resistant pathogens emerge because of inappropriate use of antibiotics, but they are spread because of inappropriate infection control.

7. It is recommended that you prepare a Table in order to summarize your proposals-actions in pages 6-7. This way, the text will be reduced.

Minor essential revisions

1. Please avoid terms like "desperate" in the title and "drama" in the text (last word, page 4).

2. Page 3, line 6: please use another reference instead of ref 7. What about the recently published data about Point Prevalence surveillance by ECDC? there are data about antibiotics use in hospitals also.

3. Please spell out all abbreviations (ICU, LIEN)

4. Please all some references in page 4, paragraph 2.
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 that I have no competing interests.