Reviewer’s report

**Title:** NDM-1 metallo-beta-lactamase and ArmA 16S rRNA methylase producing Providencia rettgeri clinical isolates in Nepal

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**Reviewer:** David Wareham

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This is a straightforward, well written short report describing the dissemination of the NDM-1 metallo-beta-lactamase amongst Providencia rettgeri in Nepal. The authors have used whole genomic sequencing to rapidly define the resistome of the isolates, demonstrating the clinical utility of this approach. The study also identifies the likely genetic basis of intrinsic polymyxin and fosfomycin resistance in this species. The experimental methods are adequately described and the results and their interpretations clearly presented. The article appears suitable for publication in its current format.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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