Reviewer’s report

Title: Drug-resistance in Streptococcus pneumoniae isolates among Spanish middle aged and older adults with community-acquired pneumonia.

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No information was provided on treatment of patients, so associations between susceptibility and outcome cannot be made. The conclusion that, in the study area, resistance to penicillin among Streptococcus pneumoniae remains high, but such resistance does not result in increased severity or mortality is likely due to the fact that patients were treated with active agents, such as penicillin (based on the new pneumonia breakpoints, almost all isolates were susceptible) or a third generation cephalosporin.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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