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Reviewer 1

C1. The sentence has to be revised because the statement is incorrect: Fosfomycin has broad spectrum of activity against most gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria isolated from patients with lower urinary tract infections. CLSI guidelines consider this group of antimicrobials appropriate for the treatment of urinary tract infections. In other types of infections (e.g. blood stream infections, endocarditis) the use of fosfomycin and related drugs may only be indicated in combination with another broad spectrum antimicrobial such as fluoroquinolone, beta-lactam, etc. Please reword this paragraph, or eliminate the discussion on fusidic acid, fosfomycin, etc all together, as it does not add to the value of the evaluation of blood culture contaminants and empiric therapy in this paper. The respected reviewer is totally correct. We have corrected the placement for reference 4 to the correct location.

We fully agree with the respected reviewer and thank for pointing out this obvious mistake. After several considerations on how to modify the sentence, we finally concluded that omitting the sentence completely is the best possible way to follow the reviewers’ comment.