Reviewer's report

Title: Multidrug resistant Kluyvera ascorbata septicemia in an adult patient: a case report

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Reviewer: Stephen Walsh

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Summary:

Moonah and colleagues report a 64 year old male with a multidrug resistant Kluyvera ascorbata isolated from blood. He was treated with meropenem and had a favorable outcome. This is the first case report of a multidrug resistant K. ascorbata isolated from the blood in an adult patient with sepsis.

Major issues:

This case report should be rewritten to highlight the novelty of the case; this is the first report of such an extensively antibiotic resistant K. ascorbata isolate from the blood of an adult. Compare and contrast to similar isolates reported from
children and other adult infections.

The discussion also needs to be expanded to educate the general reader as to the significance of this organism. A rough word count of under 1000 words (body of the text only) suggests that the authors have considerable room to increase the reader’s interest in the case and still come under the 2000 word limit.

Minor issues:

CLSI/NCCLS prefers "susceptible" to "sensitive" and I suggest changing text accordingly.

Do the authors believe that this isolate was responsible for his initial presentation or did he acquire it nosocomially? What was the portal of entry?

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I hereby declare that I have no competing interests