Reviewer’s report

**Title:** An outpatient antibiotic stewardship intervention during the journey to JCI accreditation

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**Reviewer:** Nithima Sumpradit

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I reviewed the revised version of this paper. I appreciate the great efforts of the authors in improving this manuscript. After careful reviewing, I concluded that this manuscript is useful; but as it is, this paper is not ready for publication.

Additional comments to improve chance for the publication are, for example,

1. Conducting more literature review in order to establish make clear statements on problem magnitude and to convince about the rationale and importance of this study. I cannot find the evidence e.g. number or figures to support the serious threat due to AMR. This is just one among other points that the authors need to work more on this issue.

2. Seeking extensive editorial assistance to be able to articulate ideas, strengthen arguments and comply with academic writing structure. For example, the first statement in the first paragraph says that AMR is a major global threat for two decades. Theoretically, the next sentence should clarify this point. It should not have introduced a new idea (i.e., Sumpradit et al....) at this point.

3. Ensuring all details are properly addressed. One example among many others is Table 1 - what do the levels 1, 2 and 3 in the Table stand for? Does it represent 'first-line,' 'second-line' and 'third-line' on page 6? If so, should it be noted somewhere for this clarification?

Due to my time constraint, I will not be able to do the 3rd review for this paper. As I told, I see the usefulness of this paper, but it still needs to be improved in order to be ready for publication. So, I’d better leave it to the Editorial to make a final call.

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

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.