Title: Antibiotic susceptibility of Clostridium difficile is unchanged despite widespread use of broad spectrum antibiotics

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To the editor
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Re: revision of the manuscript “Antibiotic susceptibility of Clostridium difficile is unchanged despite widespread use of broad spectrum antibiotics”

Dear Editor,

We highly appreciate that you gave us the chance to revise above-mentioned manuscript for potential publication in “BMC Infectious Diseases”.

We studied in detail the criticisms of the three referees and have adapted/edited the manuscript accordingly: the manuscript strongly benefitted.

In the e-mail, we were also asked to address following points:

* Please name the specific ethics committee that approved the study
* Please clarify if consent from patients was obtained for inclusion in this study (or if the ethics committee waived the need for this)

We have added following sentences to the Method section to clarify these two points:

The study was approved by the cantonal ethic committee of Zurich, Department of Health (#EK-1561). The ethics committee waived the need for informed consent from the patients for doing this retrospective analysis.

We also provide a detailed point-by-point reply to the criticisms raised by the three referees. We hope that the revised version of the manuscript is now acceptable for publication “BMC Infectious Diseases”

Sincerely yours

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