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Dear Dr. Philippa Harris

We have recently discovered data on Stenotrophomonas maltophilia bloodstream infections (BSIs). These are data regarding the outcomes of S. maltophilia BSI in hematologic patients who had previously received quinolone prophylaxis. We have calculated the incidence rate of S. maltophilia BSIs and analyzed the characteristics in patients with hematologic malignancies. Also, we evaluated in vitro synergy test for S. maltophilia clinical isolates, which can be one of the evidences for combination therapy.

I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “Stenotrophomonas maltophilia bloodstream infection in
patients with hematologic malignancies: a retrospective study and in vitro activities of antimicrobial combinations” for publication in BMC infectious Diseases journal.

This is currently a one-of-a-kind in the field of infectious diseases, which can bring to light much more detailed understandings of patients with hematologic malignancies and in vitro activities of antimicrobial combinations. We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has been written according to the guidelines provided by BMC Infectious Diseases journal. The manuscript has not been published before and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have contributed to, seen, and approved the submitted version of this article and agree with the submission to your esteemed journal. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

I would appreciate it very much if you could review it for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases journal. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding possible publication.

On behalf of our research team, I thank you in advance for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

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