Reviewer's report

Title: A retrospective study of the incidence, clinical characteristics, phenotypic identification, and antimicrobial susceptibility of bacteremic isolates of Acinetobacter ursingii

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Although reporting a rather rare pathogen, this article nicely describes some of the associated demographics and co-morbid conditions, along with issues with phenotypic identification and antimicrobial susceptibility.

Major compulsory revisions:
1. Line 62: please properly cite website in references
2. Line 142: please describe the hospital's population. Veterans hospitals often have predominantly male patient populations. Could this have impacted the demographics of the study?

Minor essential revision:
1. Line 55: please clarify hospital only or all health care associated personnel from reference 3.
2. Line 65: Causative of what? Bacteremia, or other disease? Please clarify, though may be easier to just state that A. ursingii is rarely reported as a pathogen.
3. Line 154: please add p-value to mortality
4. Line 170: perhaps resistant or intermediate susceptibility could replace "unsusceptible"
5. Line 216: isolates were, not was

Discretionary revisions:
1. Line 67: describe may be a better verb than delineate
2. Figure 1 does not add much to the article. It is evident that the A. ursingii incidence is low. Especially given the low percentage, the figure is difficult to read with the current y-axis

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.