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Title: Clinical characteristics and risk factors for enterococcal infections in Nagasaki, Japan: a retrospective case-control study

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Dear Sir/Madam (Editor in Chief of *BMC infectious Diseases*),

I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “Clinical characteristics and risk factors of enterococcal infections in Nagasaki, Japan: a retrospective case-case control study” for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases* as an original article.

Several recent reports have suggested that the enterococcus is a major causative pathogen of nosocomial infection and have developed to poor outcome however there are few examinations to characterize the enterococcal infection. To evaluate the risk and prognostic factors for enterococcal infection in Japan, we investigated the clinical features of patients with enterococcal infection and official data regarding incidence and species in our hospital between 2010 and 2011. 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 not been published elsewhere in part or in entirety and not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review boards. All the authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to your esteemed journal.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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