Reviewer’s report

Title: High prevalence of multidrug-resistant gram-negative organisms in HIV positive men

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Major comments

Abstract

1. Rephrase the objective of the study e.g "this study evaluated rectal transmission of MDRGN in HIV positive men'

2. Give details of the hygiene plan of the hospital to clarify the inclusion /exclusion criteria. Include characteristics of the study population.

3. State methods used for MDRGN analysis to enable the reader to have a clear understanding of the results

4. Include exact p-values (lines 50)

Methods.

5. Give details of the parameters for inclusion/ exclusion (line 104) and explain why co-morbidity and previous antibiotic use were not considered

6. Explain how sample size was calculated in this section.

7. Delete lines 116-120 since your focus is on men NOT women

Results

Tables

8. The current format of the tables is very confusing! E.g Table 1; Prepare a separate table for general characteristics of the study population (provide more details of general characteristics in the current Table 1) and another table for the distribution of MDRGN in the various disease groups
9. Can you give a breakdown of the infectious diseases that were diagnosed? (ref Table 1)

10. Titles of table should be above not below.

11. Table format still not in line with the guidelines of the journal

Discussion

12. Your lengthy limitations seem to overshadow the findings of your study. Need to clarify and emphasize the importance of your findings.

13. Include a paragraph on antibody susceptibility testing and bla genes

General

14. The use of English language needs much improvement. Inappropriate construction of tenses and phrases completely distorts the information throughout the manuscript. Avoid direct translation from your first language

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

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