Reviewer’s report

Title: RISK FACTORS FOR MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT PATHOGENS IN BRONCHIECTASIS EXACERBATIONS

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Reviewer: Silvano Esposito

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This is a good original paper investigating prospectively the possible risk factors for an MDR etiology in patients with exacerbation of chronic bronchitis and bronchiectasis.

The paper is well done, well designed and well written, but it would deserve some revision.

Title: I would say ... in patients affected by exacerbations of chronic bronchitis and bronchiectasis

Patients and methods

Please specify which identification method was adopted and what susceptibility test was utilized as well.

If an automatic conventional test was utilized please note in the discussion its limits compared with newer molecular test citing the following paper


In the same section you report that patients were investigated also for blood cultures, and bronchoalveolar lavage specimens but you don't mention any result about that. It would be interesting to know the results of these investigation. Also for possible viral etiology no data is reported.

The risk factors for MDR microorganisms have been investigated by several authors and they are well defined
I would add the following references.


But none has investigated about the bronchiectasis and exacerbation on chronic bronchitis. The severity of respiratory dysfunction and the severity of bronchiectasis itself (you mentioned that a severity score was calculated) could play an important role also on the MRD etiology. This should be mentioned

**Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
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Yes

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