Author’s response to reviews

Title: Molecular Characterization and Epidemiology of Carbapenem Non-susceptible Enterobacteriaceae Isolated from the Eastern Region of Heilongjiang Province, China

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Dear Iris Spiliopoulou, Ph.D

Thank you again for the opinions of experts on my manuscript. The following is my reply to the editorial comments one by one. The revised manuscript has been marked in red.

Abstract


Reply: The article has been revised.

Background

Page7:
Lines 39-42: please correct: “Gram negative bacteria”
Reply: It has been revised.

Lines 50-56: please correct: “is related to the number of comorbidities, administration of carbapenems, β-lactams/lactamase inhibitors, and the time of previous ICU admission”
Reply: It has been revised.

Page 8
Lines 6-7: please correct: “that are accompanied more rarely”
Reply: It has been revised.

Line 36: please, give affiliation of “(bioMerieux)” for the first time mentioned in the text (ex. Marcy l’ Etoile, France???)
Reply: It has been revised.

Page 9
Lines 1-31: please do not use an hyphenation in the text (do not divide the words)
Reply: It has been revised.

Page 11
Lines 1-3: delete duplicates: “From October 2015 to July 2017 a total of 53 non-duplicated CNSE were isolated from various clinical specimens” delete “from October 2015 to July 2017”
Reply: It has been revised.

Lines 23: please correct “whereas, Citrobacter freundii and Serratia marcescens included one isolate each (1.9%).”
Lines 42-45: Please correct: “According to the VITEK 2 test results, all CNSE isolates were MDR (Table 1).” And delete the duplicate “all CNSE isolates were MDR (Table 1).”

Reply: It has been revised.

Page 12

Please correct: “Drug Resistant Genes”

Reply: It has been revised.

Page 15

Lines 48-50: please correct “Horizontal genes’ transfer tend to be associated with”

Reply: It has been revised.

Lines 56-58: please correct: “carbapenem resistance acquisition in carbapenem resistant enterobacteriaceae” delete “bacteria”

Reply: It has been revised.

Page 16

Lines 28-29: please correct: “False positive results may be due” (delete “this”)

Reply: It has been revised.

Page 17

Line 51: please correct “At the beginning of the epidemic”

Reply: It has been revised.

Page 18

Line 12: please correct “Fifty-one patients (96.2%) had a…”
Reply: It has been revised.

Page 19

Line 1 “The spread of CRKP was caused by the selection of blaKPC-2 positive K. pneumoniae…”

Reply: It has been revised.

Best wishes,

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