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Editor Comments:

1. Please change the Declaration section heading “Ethics approval” to “Ethics approval and consent to participate”.

Response: The change has been made in the Declaration section heading as advised

2. Please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section.

Response: The statement of informed written consent is clearly stated in the "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section

3. In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: We have indicated that the funding body had no role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and writing the manuscript

4. The individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Currently the contributions of Mtebe Venance Majigo are not described.
Response: The contributions of all authors including Mtebe Venance Majigo (MVM) are specified in the Authors' Contribution section

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Response: The final, clean version of manuscript as been uploaded

Reviewer reports:

A Rottenstreich (Reviewer 1): Accept

Response: We appreciate

Jennifer E Kaiser, MD, MA (Reviewer 2)

The authors have completed a sub-analysis of the patients who were already on antibiotics at the time of specimen collection. This has yielded interesting results that have overall strengthened the paper.

Response: We appreciate for the comment