Author's response to reviews

Title: The Stigmatization Dilemma in Public Health Policy - The Case of MRSA in Denmark

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Dear Editor(s)

A new version of our manuscript amended with line numbers, competing interest statement and statement on contributions has now been uploaded.

Yours,

Thomas Ploug

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Dear Editor(s)

We show how public health interventions targeting the problem of multi-resistant bacteria, and in particular MRSA, may result in various forms of stigmatization. We consider the ethics of stigmatization as an instrument for public health interventions and discuss the particular case where stigmatization results regardless of the choice of public health intervention.

We believe our manuscript is relevant for publication by addressing both the growing problem of MRSA, but also the problem of stigmatization ensuing resulting from public health interventions.

Yours,

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