Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating carbapenem restriction practices at a private hospital in Manila, Philippines as a strategy for antimicrobial stewardship

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This manuscript evaluates carbapenem restriction practice at one private hospital in Philippines. The manuscript is interesting and well written. The authors responded to all reviewer comments. I have some comments that I believe will refine the manuscript.

-Carbapenems are usually prescribed for hospitalized patients to treat antibiotic-resistant gram-negative bacteria. I suggest that the authors should focus in their manuscript about nosocomial infections. Any information about outpatients should be removed from the manuscript. (lines 96-97 "patients can often obtain antibiotics without a prescription", and line 99 "issues such as self-prescription").

-many studies were published about the importance of carbapenem restriction and its benefits in controlling antimicrobial resistance. I suggest that the authors should mention this in the background section.

-lines 112-113: the study objective should be written at the end of the background section of the manuscript. I suggest to remove lines 112-113.

-lines 119-129 should be in the methods section under subheading ASP.

-add subheading in the methods section about the study setting; describe the private hospital in which you conducted your study.

-I suggest to mention what carbapenems are available in the study setting.

-what is the percentage of MDRO in table 2?

-English language should be revised.
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