Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical Experience with Tigecycline in the Treatment of Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia Caused by Multidrug Resistant Acinetobacter baumannii

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The Authors have submitted a revised version of the manuscript. The manuscript could be considered suitable for publication after minor revision. Below, I am listing my comments.

No results about strain sensitivity to other antibacterial drugs have been introduced within the text, whereas those findings could be interesting to further discuss the 30-day mortality rate.

The low number of patients severely limits the robustness of univariate and multivariate analysis (see for example Table 4, diabete mellitus OR and wide interval).

Bacterial strains were assessed for their sensitivity toward tigecycline (lines 144-147), then the emergence of resistance was further evaluated over the treatment (lines 151-153). Because a factor predictive of 30-day mortality was "higher resistance rate to tigecycline in the hospital" (lines 332-333), the Authors could further discuss the appropriateness of standard drug dosages when high dose regimens of tigecycline are advocated in the presence of resistant bacteria (see for example Cunha et al, Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther. 2017 Mar;15(3):257-267).

The Authors should upload a revised text with track-changes option together with a point-to-point reply (showing exact queries and corresponding answers) for better clarity.

A careful revision of English language is deemed to be necessary (i.e., sentences at lines 102-104, 177; line 193, elevator instead of elevation).

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