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Dear Academic Editor and Reviewers:

We thank all the reviewers for all the valuable and constructive comments to improve our manuscript entitled "A study on combination of daptomycin with selected antimicrobial agents: In vitro synergistic effect of MIC values of 1 mg/L against MRSA strains". We have revised the manuscript according to your suggestions. Please see our point-by-point replies below.

Editor Comments

Improve quality of language by an native English editing service with written proof of language service! On the homepage are proposed some language services!

Ans.: Thank you for your comment. Our manuscript has been sent for English editing by a native English editing service, and the proof was appended in the end.

Review Comments to the Author

Md Zakirul Islam, MBBS, MPhil (Reviewer 1): After language and grammatical correction, now the article is quite OK.

Ans.: Thank you for your comment.
Santosh Kumar, PhD (Reviewer 2): The revised article looks in much better shape now.

Ans.: Thank you for your precious comment.

Nik Ahmad Shaiffudin Nik Him, MD, MMed (Emerg. Medicine) (Reviewer 3):

Hi, it was a pleasure again to review your revised manuscript.

1. Methodology - Suggest to mention the study design and include your eligibility criteria as well as sampling method used.

Ans.: Thank you for your precious comment. We have mentioned the study design, eligibility criteria and sampling method in detail in the text (Page 8, Lines 132-135; Page 9, Lines 159-162).

2. Result - Is the difference in synergistic effects of the combination of the drugs used is statistically significant?

Ans.: Thank you for your comment. The difference in synergistic effect between daptomycin in combination with fosfomycin and daptomycin combined with oxacillin is statistically significant (37% v.s. 11%, p < 0.0001), which is same as other combinations, including gentamicin (37% v.s. 5%, p < 0.0001 ), linezolid (37% v.s. 3%, p < 0.0001 ), and rifampicin (37% v.s. 1%, p < 0.0001 ). So the difference in synergistic effects of the combination of the drugs is statistically significant (Page 12, Lines 201-203; Page 13, Line 204).

We appreciate those comments and suggestions to improve the quality of our manuscript. Thank you again for your kind attention to our manuscript and consideration for publishing our manuscript in “BMC Pharmacology and Toxicology”.

Sincerely yours

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