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Dear Science Editor, Jin-Xin Kong,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 July. Enclosed is the revised version of the manuscript NO: 35079 titled "Current concepts and future strategies in the antimicrobial therapy of emerging Gram-positive spontaneous bacterial peritonitis" submitted to WJH. As BPG contributor (WJCID Editor and WJG reviewer), I am very honored that the President and Company Editor-in-Chief, Lian-Sheng Ma, invited me to contribute with an original article to the WJH in view of our significant contributions to the antimicrobial treatment of Spontaneous Bacterial Peritonitis. We revised our manuscript according to the reviewers' comments and provided a point to point response. We also highlighted the change according to the comments and the journal guidelines (we extended the abstract and shortened the core tip).

Thank you very much for your efforts in expediting the processing of our review.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Marco Fiore

8-03-2017

- 1) Language polishing: Miss Lucy Hedley (MPharm, MFRPSI, MRPharmS, PGDipGPP, IPresc), Senior Clinical Pharmacist - HIV & Infectious Diseases at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (London, Greater London, Great Britain) revised the manuscript's language.
- 2) Professional email: [marco.fiore@unicampania.it](mailto:marco.fiore@unicampania.it)
- 3) Decomposable graphs: We added the figures 1 and 2 in power point format; so you can edit them easily.
- 4) Table 1 not mentioned in the main text: We mentioned it in our conclusion paragraph.

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS (REVIEWER #1, Reviewer's code: 00051373)

The current manuscript is a review article to describe the Gram-positive and multi-drug resistant SBP from 2000 to present and management strategies. The author describes the geographic distribution of GPB related SBP as well as the different epidemiology. Unfortunately, there has not deeply investigated the impact factors regarding to the epidemiologic difference between Asia, Africa, Euro and America. It should be creating a table to explore the source of organisms, underlying disease, age, sex, race, alcoholic related, clinical management and outcome of the GPB related SBP. At the meanwhile, the concept of the antibiotics management is not come from a committee consensus meeting, it should be cited with the references and the evidence-based background on the flow chart.

### ANSWERS TO REVIEWER #1 COMMENTS

We thank the reviewer for the comments on the paper:

- 1) We find very interesting the propose to deeply investigate the risk factors and outcome of the GPB related SBP. Unfortunately the items mentioned (age, sex, race, etc.) are not investigated to the majority of the studies. Recently we performed a systematic review aimed at summarizing the evidence from literature concerning the epidemiology of nosocomial cases of SBP, in order to highlight the importance of MDR bacteria outcome (reference added: Fiore M, et al. Nosocomial spontaneous bacterial peritonitis antibiotic treatment in the era of multi-drug resistance pathogens: A systematic review. World J Gastroenterol 2017; 23: 4654-4660); of the initial 2556 manuscripts retrieved only 9 were included in the qualitative analysis, and a quantitative analysis on mortality was not possible. Because of the scarcity of the data we did not find it possible to create a new table, we deepened the concept in the paragraph "Future perspectives".
- 2) We included the references, as required, on the flow chart.

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS (REVIEWER #2, Reviewer's code: 02942902)



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This is an interesting paper which focused on the infection of Gram-positive bacteria (GPB) in spontaneous bacterial infection (SBP). Because of the recent increasing frequency of GPB infection, this paper is clinically important. I would like to provide some minor comments. 1) Kindly correct the format to the style requested in the author guideline of the journal. 2) Page 4: Kindly spell out abbreviations: e.g, CA-SBP (Community acquired-SBP?) 3) Page 5: In Egyptian prospective cohort, the burden of GBP → GPB?

### **ANSWERS TO REVIEWER #2 COMMENTS**

We deeply thank the reviewer for the constructive comments on the manuscript:

- 1) We corrected the format to the style requested in the author guideline of the WJH
- 2) We spelled out all abbreviations that we used in the manuscript
- 3) We corrected GBP → GPB