

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The author provided an up-to-date picture of the trends in publications related to *C. difficile* infection, together with specific insights into hot issues in this field. This bibliometric study will provide microbiologist researchers with a quantitative and timely summary of *C. difficile* infection-related publications. Given that clinicians and researchers in gastroenterology are the main readers of WJG, the author needs to emphasize why this article is important and attractive for these readers.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The manuscript provides a general overview on publications about C. difficile over 20 years. The article is generally well-written, with detailed methodology, good presentation of results, adequate discussion, and acknowledgment of most study limitations. However, the authors should further explain why they relied on only Scopus data base and develop meaningful conclusions (based on study findings)

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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a scientometrics study about C.difficile-associated diarrhea. The study type and topic are very interesting. The method is clear and the result/figure are good. It will be better if the authors could include the data more from other database. The introduction and discussion are redundant.