

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a well written manuscript regarding a retrospective hospital study to identify risk factors for Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or acute myeloid leukemia (AML). Few comments: 1. Page 6, lines 147-154: Please define the criteria to include these demographics and clinical data and not other (eg. serum acute phase indices.) 2. Page 8, lines 200-201, "15.2% of patients diagnosed with CDI during the 28-months study period". Please provide from literature respective CDI rates from different studies including either hematology malignancy patients or patients with other immunosuppressive conditions. 3. Please in discussion insert a paragraph focusing on novel findings of your study.

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The authors have shown that CDI is common in the MDS/AML population. Factors significantly associated with CDI in this population include low albumin, prior CDI, use of cytarabine-based chemotherapy, and prolonged neutropenia. The findings are worthy of sharing with the scientific community.