

Letter To The Editor,

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Dear Editor,

I am sending you the revised form of our manuscript entitled "Risk factors and clinical responses of pneumonia patients with colistin-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus*" (The manuscript number is 46314).

Our manuscript was edited for English by American Journal Expert. All authors have significantly contributed to the work and have seen, reviewed, and approved the manuscript which has not been published and not being considered for publication elsewhere. The authors have no potential conflicts of interest to disclose. The corresponding author has the authority to act on behalf of all authors on all matters pertaining to publication of the manuscript. All authors have read the manuscript and approved the submission to your journal and assert that all procedures contributing to this work comply with the ethical standards of the relevant national and institutional committees on human experimentation and with the Helsinki Declaration of 1975, as revised in 2008.

In consideration of World Journal of Clinical Cases taking action in reviewing and editing our submission, the authors undersigned hereby transfer, assign, or otherwise convey all copyright ownership to your journal in the event that such work is published in.

As corresponding author, I have made all the revisions according to your comments, the suggestions of the reviewers and the CrossCheck report. The following revisions were made:

1. Our manuscript was edited for English by American Journal Expert. We are sending the certificate. The manuscript was checked again for English grammar mistakes and they were corrected

2. I have prepared the manuscript with Word-processing Software, using 12 pt Book Antiqua font and 1.5 line spacing with ample margins.

3. The format of author contribution were revised according to your comment. This statement were put into the manuscript "Authors contributions: Aydemir H and Tuz HI contributed together to this work; Aydemir H, Piskin N and Celebi G designed research; Aydemir H, Tuz HI and Kulah C performed research; Kokturk F analyzed data; and Aydemir H wrote the paper."

(page 1, lines 20-23))

2. Telephone number and fax number were added into the manuscript (page 2)

3. The format of the aim of the abstract were corrected as your comment. The statement "To investigate the comparison of clinical responses and outcomes between pneumonia patients with colistin susceptible and resistant *Acinetobacter* sp. strains." were put into the abstract section (page 3, lines 73-75)

4. All authors abbreviation names and manuscript title were provided into the manuscript as your recommendation. (page 4)

5. Article highlights were written according to your recommendation (pages 13-16)

6. All the references were checked again

7. Some sentences and words were changed according to the cross- check report

The following changes were made according the crooscheck report:

-This sentence was put into the beginning of introduction section "Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus complex (ABC) consists of Gram-negative round, rod-shaped bacteria that may cause serious hospital acquired infections " (introduction section, page 5, lines 126-127)

- "**notified**" instead of reported (line 133), page 5, section of introduction

- "**regions**" instead of parts (line 135), page 5, section of introduction

- "**researchs**" instead of "studies" (line 143) (page 5)

- "**studied**" instead of "investigated" (line 143)(page 5)

- "**The following were included**" instead of "The inclusion criteria were as follows" (page 6, line 160)

- **"patients who acquired different infection with another microorganism"** instead of "patients who had another infection site due to a different microorganism" (lines 165, page 6)
- **"patients who were transferred from a different center under antibiotic treatment"** instead of "patients who had been diagnosed with VAP or another infection due to ABC in another center that were transferred to our ICU while receiving antimicrobial therapy" (lines 166-167, page 6)
- **"patients who died within 3 days"** instead of "patients who died within 72 h" (line 167-page 6)
- **"X-ray and"** instead of "radiography plus" (page 6, line 172)
- **"white blood cell"** instead of "leucocyte" (page 6, line 173)
- **"Patients were treated with broad-spectrum antimicrobials when the diagnosis of pneumonia was established. The initial antimicrobial regimens were modified within 2 days as soon as the susceptibilities of ABC strains became available."** Instead of "Broad-spectrum antimicrobials were initiated in all patients as soon as the diagnosis of VAP was made and the initial therapy was modified within 48 h, when the susceptibilities of ABC strains became available." (page 6, lines 181-184)
- **"Fever"** instead of body temperature (page 7, line 187)
- **"Neutrophil"** instead of leucocyte (page 7, line 189)
- **antibiotic** instead of antimicrobial (page 7, line 195)
 - **"and after 3rd, 5th-7th and 10th days of treatment and when the treatment duration was completed"** instead of "on days 3, 5-7, and 10 after diagnosis during the follow up period and at the end of the antimicrobial therapy" (page 7, lines 195-196)
- **"but the microorganism could not be eradicated from the cultures, the antibiotic regimen was stopped and the patient was thought to be colonized."** instead of ..(page 7, line 197-201)
- **"consolidation"** instead of infiltration (line 203)
- **"parapneumonic"** instead of pleural (line 204)
- **"treatment"** instead of therapy (line 205)
- The definition of VAP related mortality was made as **"Death under the antibiotic treatment of infection or death occurring when the signs and symptoms of**

pneumonia were present, or death due to septic shock was considered as VAP-related mortality" (lines 205-207)

- "When p values were <0.05, they were accepted to be statistically significant" instead of "P values of <0.05 were considered to be statistically significant for all tests."(page 9, line 253)

8. The Reviewer's Recommendation

"Results section could be shortened. Please in text avoid presenting the same data as the tables Conclusion in abstract section could be rephrased since the data to support that combination of antibiotic treatments with sulbactam are limited. Some English Grammatical and typographical errors should be corrected"

The following revisions were made according to the reviewer's suggestions:

-Results section was shortened

-Conclusion part regarding the sulbactam usage was rephrased in the abstract and the main document according the reviewer's recommendation (conclusion of abstract, conclusion of main text)

-The text was edited for English by American Journal Expert and checked again for grammer mistakes

Thank you very much for your interest. I am looking forward to hearing from you

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