

Dear Science Editor, Jin-Lei Wang,

Thank you for your mail dated 2019-05-10.

We revised our manuscript NO: 46961 titled "First Italian outbreak of VIM-producing *Serratia marcescens* in an adult polyvalent intensive care unit, August-October 2018", submitted to World Journal of Clinical Cases, according to the reviewer comments and provided a point to point response. We also highlighted the change in yellow according to the comments.

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

Sincerely,

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## **ANSWERS TO REVIEWER COMMENTS**

We deeply thank the reviewer for evaluating the manuscript as very good and for the constructive comments:

1. Suggest to add the microbiological results of drug sensitivity for all cases. Although they were resistant to Carbapenem, the first case seems to respond to meropenem.

> We added a new table with the microbiological results of antibiotic sensitivity for all isolates (Table 2)

2. Some important characteristics of these patients were missing. For example, the comorbidities, did they have diabetes, immunodeficiency and so on?

> We reported the important characteristics of these patients with particular attention to comorbidities

3. The clinical course of the patients is not fully described. For example, what is the history of antibiotic use for the second patient? The timeline of the antibiotic use before and after confirmation of *S. Marcescens* infection should be clearly reported.

> We reported the clinical course more clearly. For the second patient, we described the history of antibiotic use and we gave an explanation of the non-response of antibiotic therapy adding a reference (Ref. 10)