

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12938-review.doc).

Title: Carbapenemases: a worldwide threat to antimicrobial therapy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) A good review I suggest to add CLSI break point to table 3 and to compare that to EULCAST and elaborate on any differences.

Answer: It has been done so.

(2) In my opinion the manuscript is not suitable for publication and requires major revision. I also recommend the authors to read carefully the "Instruction to author" section.

Answer: A major revision has been made

- English needs revision.

Answer: The english has been edited by American Journal Experts.

- The name of microorganisms should be written in italics.

Answer: this has been amended.

- Reference section: many of them are "out of date" and others are cited four times (107, 134, 154 & 158).

Answer: Repeated references have been eliminated. Regarding the out of date references, 109 of them are from the last four years and the authors believe that the rest are important to understand the evolution, origin and spread of these resistance mechanisms.

- Table 3: Is it needed a table to show the clinican breakpoints for Enterobacteriaceae?

Answer: The intention for that table was to show how close clinical breakpoints and screening cut-off values for suspecting carbapenemases in Enterobacteriaceae are.

- Table 2: OXA-24 and OXA-40 are the same enzyme.

Answer: This has been amended

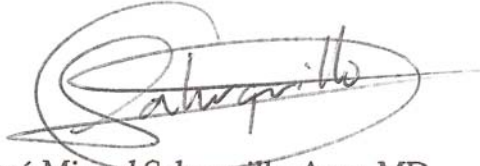
- Table 2: OXA-40 has also been identified in two Pseudomonas aeruginosa isolates.

Answer: It has been incorporated to the table

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Pharmacology.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sahuquillo', enclosed within a large, loopy oval stroke.

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