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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study reported the outbreak of VIM-producing *Serratia marcescens* occurred over a period of 11 weeks (August, 1 to October, 18) in patients admitted to the adult polyvalent intensive care unit (ICU) of the University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"



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located in Naples. this is a interesting case series report and systematic review of the literature. I have only some minor 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. 2. some important characteristics of these patients were missing. for example, the comorbidities, did they have diabetes, immunodeficiency and so on? 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.

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