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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The topic is extremely interesting and in hot discussions in the recent years. However, this manuscript adds no new information which is not available through other reviews or mini-reviews available on this topic. My detailed comments are attached in the word file.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors give a short but comprehensive overview about treatment options of *C. difficile* infection. The manuscript should be published. I have only few suggestions. 1. The authors should mention that in previous studies fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) usually has been performed after vancomycin treatment. Therefore, clinical outcome of FMT as such is not predictable to date. 2. An Austrian study found that recurrence rate of CDI was lower after teicoplanin than after vancomycin treatment. This was also true for the percentage of asymptomatic *C. difficile* toxin carriage (Wenisch et al. CID 1996). The authors should mention this antibiotic treatment option. 3. Species (*C. difficile*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, etc.) and genus names should be written in italics. 4. Typing errors should be corrected.

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The review article highlights the emerging importance and application of microbiota in the disease progression, diagnosis, and treatment of Clostridium difficile infections. The manuscript is well written with only some minor points of clarification needed: The authors state on page 4 leukocytosis of 15G/L - what does that mean? Should be clarified since it is not a common unit used in the clinical setting. Vancomycin should be spelled correctly throughout the manuscript. Some minor diction and grammar corrections should be made.



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It might be helpful to have a colonoscopic picture of a typical pseudomembranous colitis. The new update of ESCMID guidelines should be added. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2013 Oct 5. doi: 10.1111/1469-0691.12418. European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID): update of the treatment guidance document for Clostridium difficile infection (CDI). Debast SB, Bauer MP, Kuijper EJ; The Committee.



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Very interesting subject. Comprehensive review. Some additional language polishing is required.