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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript has been reviewed some points to be checked: 1-Page 4 lines 1-2: a reference is needed for ..enrichment medium such as Ledds selective ....sentence 2-Page 4: Why did you put 1.3 for subheading Habitat and colonisation? 3-Page 8: Last sentence: ...burns units... it should be burn units.



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Josphi and Litake drafted an excellent manuscript about Acinetobacter spp. The manuscript is well written and is informative to microbiologists and physicians. I have only few comments: I do not understand the following sentence (Page 4,5): Hence, the group is known as the Abc-complex 5 and is often regarded A. baumannii in clinical practice as [10, 11]. Please add full stop at the end of the sentence (Page 11): Some of the specific control measures for A. baumannii infection are shown in Table 1 Legend of Tab. 2 (Page 16). Please add "s" to "mechanisms": Table 2: Some of the commonly reported mechanism of resistance in A. baumannii from different geographic locations.



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Joshi and Litake discuss in their review the emerging pathogenic threat of *Acinetobacter baumannii*. This is an important issue and it has already been well covered by previous reviews. However, the presented manuscript is poorly organized and very redundant. To give one example: the paragraph on future problems deals nowhere with future problems but is simply a repetition of what has been said before. Instead it should either give an outlook of the future development of resistances or give the clinician a tool in hand how to deal with *A. baumannii* infections (or both). The taxonomical aspect ignores the many novel typing methods for isolates, e. g. MLST. Just have a look at other reviews on the *A. baumannii* infection problems! Here are also many fundamental reports on the genetic resistance mechanisms, again not reported in this review. Many things reported for *A. baumannii* are not specific for this bacterium but valid for almost all hospital infections. Biofilm formation in itself is a very efficient way of protection against antibiotics without any need for getting additional resistance factors. This has been reported in the literature over and over again but is completely ignored in this review. Specific remarks: p. 2, abstract, line 2: The genetic capabilities are far not "unique"! Maybe "impressive" is here a more appropriate word. p. 2, abstract, line 11: "choice" is wrong wording here, use "cure" p. 4, l. 2: replace "but" by "and" p. 4, l. 6: replace "a carbon source" by "carbon sources" because this bug can use many of them. p. 4: set *Acinetobacter* in italic p. 5, paragraph 2, l. 5: ... to be closely related ... (because they are of course anyway related) p. 6, paragraph 2, l. 9: I think you should add "(3)" here. p. 7, l. 6: replace "incredible" by "remarkable" p. 9, paragraph 2: Combine sentence 2 and 3 because they all end with "have been reported" p. 14: you mention Asia and Latin America, why not Africa? p. 16: explain ESBL when mentioning it first time