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Bacteremia with Multi-drug Resistant Gram-negative Bacteria in Pediatrics and Its Correlation with COVID-19

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1 Original submission

1 comment · 30 Apr 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 30 Apr 2023

Dear authors, please check the following comments:

1- Please replace "Covid-19" with "COVID-19" throughout the text.
2- At the first mention of each abbreviation, the full term should be included (in the abstract: MDR, GNB, ...).
3- The main goals mentioned in the abstract and in the introduction do not match properly.
4- Line 38: Bacteremia or sepsis? Which one was the main criterion for patient selection?
5- The software and statistical tests used should be included in the materials and methods section.
6- Is it clear whether the deceased children died due to COVID-19 or bacteremia?
7- Has it been determined that bacteremia preceded COVID-19 or vice versa?
8- It is suggested that the text of the article be reviewed for fluency and English usage.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

1- Please replace "Covid-19" with "COVID-19" throughout the text.

Answer: Thank you for your comment, Covid-19 is replaced in the title and in the whole text.

2- In the first mention of abbreviations, the full words should be included. (In abstract: MDR, GNB,).

Answer: Thank you for your comment, and all the abbreviations brought in the end of the manuscript. But we change that and the full words are brought for the first time.

3- The main goals mentioned in the abstract and in the introduction do not match properly.

Answer: Thank you for your comment, We rewrite the aim of the study at the end of the introduction and it is highlighted for your consideration.

4- Line 38, bacteremia or sepsis?...which one was the main criteria for selection of patients?

Answer: Respectfully, in this study, Bacteremia is our main point, because we selected the patients who had positive BACTEC results and a bacterial strain was isolated from their blood samples.

5- The software and statistical tests performed should be included in the materials and methods section.

Answer: We added the statistical analysis part, in the 78 line and it is highlighted.

6- Is it clear whether the deceased children died due to COVID-19 or bacteremia?

Answer: Respectfully, as we collected the data from the hospital documents all the deaths were because of bacteremia.

7- Has it been determined that bacteremia preceded covid or vice versa?

Answer: Thank you for your comment. According to the patients` documents in the hospital, bacteremia occurred first.

8- It is suggested to review the text of the article in terms of fluency and English writing.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion. We rewrote some parts to the fluent English.

2 Revision 1

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No public comments in this round.