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Peer Review Report for "*Clostridioides difficile* in Non-hospital Sources (Animals, Food, and Environment) in Asian Countries: A Literature Review"

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Farhad Safarpoor Dehkordi: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 30 May 2021

Dear AE,
The authors should address my comments attached in the word file.
Cheers

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 31 May 2021

Dear AE,
This is the reply for reviewing of the manuscript entitled "Clostridiodides "Clostridium) difficile in non-hospital sources of Asian countries: A literature Review" with ID 115347 received on 31st May 2021. Totally, this is an overview of published literature about C. difficile in animals, different food, and some environmental samples in Asia. Although currently organized as a research paper (Context, evidence acquisition, results, and conclusion), this is actually a review. The idea is interesting and provided information useful. However, there are some minor issues as follows:
1- In context it is constantly mixing up the gene and the protein level when explaining the toxins. It is needed correction.

2- In evidence acquisition: it is needed to define the time frames and keywords of research.
3- Consider changing "white meat" to "meat from poultry and birds"
Thanks.

Farhad Safarpoor Dehkordi: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 31 May 2021

Dear EIC,
Thanks so much for sending this valuable manuscript to Jundishapur Journal of Microbiology. The review process of the manuscript has been finished and both reviewers requested minor revisions on this paper.
Cheers

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 3 Jun 2021

Dear Author,
Thank you for submitting your manuscript to JJM. I have completed the review of your manuscript and a summary is appended below (Pleases find attached files). The reviewers recommend the reconsideration of your paper following major revision. I invite you to resubmit your manuscript after addressing all reviewer comments. Please answer point by point to reviewer's comments on a separate sheet under WORD format and write your modifications in the revised version (WORD format) in colored or highlighted letters. Your answers to reviewers' queries are not only for the Editorial Board but for the readers and should be included, when appropriate, in the manuscript for improvement and a better understanding.
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Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear Sir/ Madam

Editor in Chief,

Jundishapur Journal of Microbiology

Thank you very much for your email dated 4th June 2021, regarding the primary review of our manuscript entitled " ***Clostridioides (Clostridium)* difficile in Non-Hospital Sources of Asian Countries: A Literature Review**" with ID of 115347 and the opportunity to revise and resubmit the manuscript. We have taken each critique and comment very seriously, and we submit a revised version in response to the reviewers' comment with changes in green and yellow highlight in the text for respected reviewer 1 and 2, respectively. Looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely Yours,

Corresponding author

10th June 2021

Reviwer No. 1

It is appreciated from reviewer for comments and modification inserted in the manuscript word file. The manuscript is modified completely based on the suggestion in green color.

Reviwer No. 2

This is the reply for reviewing of manuscript entitled "Clostridiodides "Clostridium) difficile in non-hospital sources of Asian countries: A literature Review". Totally, this is an overview of published literature about C. difficile in animals, different food and some environmental samples in Asia. Although currently organized as research paper (Context, evidence acquisition, results and conclusion), this is actually a review. The idea is interesting and provided information useful. However, there are some minor issues as follows:

Comment 1: In context it is constantly mixing up the gene and the protein level when explaining the toxins. It is needed correction.

Reply: Thanks a lot for the comment. The correction is highlighted in part “Context” in Yellow.

The original sentence is “*C. difficile* produces two types of toxins including A (*tcdA*; enterotoxin) and B (*tcdB*; cytotoxin). Nearly all toxigenic forms of *C. difficile* release both toxins, and a few clinically relevant strains secrete only *tcdB* in a colonic environment.”

After revision it corrected to “*C. difficile* produces two types of toxins including A (*tcdA*) and B (*tcdB*). Nearly all toxigenic forms of *C. difficile* release both toxins, and a few clinically relevant strains secrete only toxin B in a colonic environment.”.

Comment 2: In evidence acquisition: it is needed to define the time frames and key words of research.

Reply: Appreciated for the comment. Time and keywords are included in section “evidence acquisition”

Comment 3: Consider changing "white meat" to "meat from poultry and birds"

Reply: Thanks a lot for the comment. The title 3.3 changed based on the suggested title.

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 13 Jun 2021

Dear EIC
The manuscript is completely revised according to reviewer comments by authors and it is acceptable for publishing in JJM.
Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 13 Jun 2021

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