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Peer Review Report for "Prevalence and Characteristics of Metallo-beta-Lactamase-positive and High-risk Clone ST235 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* at Ardabil Hospitals"

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Shahla Mansouri: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 11 May 2021

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is well written, only few grammar mistakes are seen which can be checked and corrected by the author.
The following points needs revision:
- Clonal relation should be added to the Keywords.
- In two places in the introduction the author used the year 2016 for example the city popualion which is 578000 in 2021.
- In the discussion section they compare their results with others and mentioned the name of the authors, the best way is to collectively mention higher or lower and write the references only.
- In the material and method the gender ,sample, hospital wards are mentioned , but the result and discussion there is no information about these results, so they should either used these data or omit them.
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Dear EIC,

1. In the material and methods part, there is no reference for Genotypic screening for MBL enzymes, ERIC PCR and MLST. The references should be added in the text.

2. In Table 1, Reference 17 is not related with ERIC primer. It should be corrected. It is an unpublished manuscript and cannot be used as a Reference.

Thanks.

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RESPONSES TO THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS: (ID: 115819),

Prevalence and characteristics of metallo-beta lactamase-positive and high-risk clone ST235 *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in Ardabil hospitals

Dear editor and reviewers,

We are pleased to have been given the opportunity to revise our manuscript. Thank you for advices, which will help us improve it to a better scientific level. We have revised the manuscript according to the editor's report and reviewer's comments and the suggested changes have been carefully addressed. We believe that the manuscript is improved after making the suggested revisions and hope our revisions are sufficient to make the manuscript acceptable for publication.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our manuscript in your important journal.

Best regards

Reply to the reviewers' comments

Reviewer Number	Original comments of the reviewer	Reply by the author(s)	Changes done on page number and line number
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2	In the material and methods part, there is no reference for Genotypic screening for MBL enzymes, ERIC PCR and MLST. The references should be added in the text.	There are oligonucleotide sequences, PCR conditions for amplification and references for Genotypic screening for MBL enzymes (references 12 to 17) in Table 1, ERIC PCR (reference 17) in Table 1, and MLST in Table 2.	
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