

Review of: "Meropenem Usage Assessment amid the Antibiotic Resistance Crisis: A Comprehensive Analysis in a Tertiary Care Hospital in Pakistan"

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This study has come at a timely moment due to the high resistance to antibiotics. Congratulations to the authors for the work well done; however, a few things need to be corrected/clarified/adjusted

1. Abstract: The conclusion in the abstract does not address the objective of their study, though the results do address the objective, e.g., many cases had incorrect durations of meropenem use, or disparities were noted in aligning culture sensitivity with meropenem use.
2. Discussion: The pattern of prescriptions has not been discussed, e.g., in this study, mostly prescribers prescribed meropenem for enteric fever - any comparison with other studies and why they are the same or different? (Need to look in the literature to see if there are any studies on that.)
3. Conclusion: Like I said earlier, the conclusion is more of a recommendation than the findings. For example, the authors may have said, "there is a significant disparity in the correct duration of treatment" or "a high rate of incomplete dosage in terms of number of days."
4. The conclusion in the abstract and in the whole paper are not similar - they are both recommendations, but they are recommending different things.