Comment on: Evaluation of the RAPIDEC® CARBA NP, the Rapid CARB Screen® and the Carba NP test for biochemical detection of carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae

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Dear Sir,

In their paper, Dortet et al.1 report their results using the Rapid CARB Screen kit (98021). This kit has been replaced by the Neo-Rapid CARB kit (98024), which contains twice as much imipenem, uses much less lysis buffer than its forerunner and has a shelf life of 2 years.

As a consequence, the results obtained with the obsolete kit 98021 may not be the same as those obtained with kit 98024, as has been shown by AbdelGhani et al.,2,3 who found 100% specificity and 99% sensitivity in detecting carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae.

Transparency declarations

The author was a salaried employee of Rosco Diagnostica until December 2014, but is now an independent consultant.

References