

## Peer Review Report

# Review Report on Phages as potential life-saving therapeutic option in the treatment of multidrug-resistant urinary tract infections

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### EVALUATION

#### **Q 1** Please summarize the main theme of the mini review

It is a quick review on the potential use of phage therapy in UTIs, taking into account the problems associated with it.

#### **Q 2** Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

I have no doubt that the work should be published. The manuscript is written in an interesting way, dynamically and in reference to the latest data, without unnecessary details. I only miss an explanation, drawing attention to one important problem of PT in UTIs caused mainly by *E. coli*. In this case, the problem is recurrent infections and the resulting increasing drug resistance of bacteria in the suffering patient. This results from the intracellular pathogenesis of *E. coli*, and as we know, phages are not able to enter eukaryotic cells. The therapeutic effect will seem effective, but the problem will probably return as before. I kindly ask you to add and expand this thread to your work.

#### **Q 3** Does the review include a balanced, comprehensive and critical view of the research area?

yes

### Check List

#### **Q 4** Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes.

#### **Q 5** Is the quality of the figure and/or table satisfactory?

Yes.

#### **Q 6** Does this manuscript refer only to published data? (unpublished or original data is not allowed for this article type)

Yes.

#### **Q 7** Does the manuscript cover the topic in an objective and analytical manner?

Yes.

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Yes.

**Q 9** Does the manuscript include recent developments?

Yes.

**Q 10** Does the review add new insights to the scholarly literature with respect to previously published reviews?

Yes.

**Q 11** Please provide your detailed review report to the editor and authors (including any comments on the Q4 Check List):

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#### QUALITY ASSESSMENT

**Q 12** Quality of generalization and summary



**Q 13** Significance to the field



**Q 14** Interest to a general audience



**Q 15** Quality of writing

