

Editor's Comment:

(throughout manuscript), replace "bacterial genes in plasmid or ..." with "bacterial genes on plasmid or ..."

(page 8, section 2.8.1) Please clarify "Colonies able to grow on NA but on MBM agar plates were considered cured." (Colonies are able to grow on both agar plates or only on NA were considered cured?)

Why the authors omit x, y axis in Figures4-6?

Why the authors named the last figure Plate 1? It should be a Figure 7

Author's Reply:

The sentence 'bacterial genes on plasmid' was noted and applied throughout the manuscript. Page 8, section 2.8.1 last line statement was finally clarified. The x and y axes in Figures 4 -6 was replaced appropriately. The plate 1 image was replaced with Figure 7 accordingly. All the corrections were effected and highlighted in yellow colour throughout the manuscript.