Reviewer's report

Title: Hospital-acquired invasive pulmonary aspergillosis in patients with hepatic failure

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

In this revised version, authors have convincingly addressed most of my comments. However, substantial English editing is still needed. In addition, some clarifications would be helpful.

1. In their comments, authors stated that TBLB was performed in 7 patients and PPLB in 2 patients. However, in the revised manuscript, they stated that TBLB was performed in 8 patients and PPLB in 4 patients. Please clarify.

2. In their comments, authors stated that complications (one pneumothorax and 2 haemoptysis) occurred in 3 patients after lung biopsy. This should be added to the manuscript.

3. 9 of 12 (75%) biopsies performed for suspicion of IPA confirmed this diagnosis. This rate is impressive and should be commented in discussion section.

4. Results section is rather lengthy and should be shortened. Some of the results could be presented in a table.

5. Pages should be numbered and modifications should be highlighted.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests