Reviewer's report

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

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- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 3: Methods and materials: Correct spelling for brief.

2. Page 6: Results: It is unclear whether the figures in brackets (22-51) represents a range or confidence interval.

3. Page 7: Results: Be consistent report the range as from 4 to 11 and not 1~16.

4. Page 11: Table 1: Include standard deviations for the means of Age and MELD scoring.

5. The notation “Mean ± SEM” is used thoughout the manuscript and should be changed. The interval resulting from the expression represents a 68% confidence interval for the true mean if the variable under consideration is Normally distributed, but is not of any particular interest, even when the Normality assumption is justified. The convention “Mean (SD)” or “Mean (SEM)” is preferable.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.