Reviewer’s report

Title: Five-Years Surveillance of invasive Aspergillosis in a University Hospital

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Discretionary Revisions:

It would be of interest some discussion regarding the diagnosis criteria used in this study, since they were developed for haematopoietic stem cell transplantation and cancer patients, and whether they can be used for solid organ transplantation patients or other group of patients is discussed.

No differences were done between different types of amphotericin B. Were all of them the same, or it could not be differentiated?

The group of patients not using immunosuppressant should be more deeply analyzed, since this is one of the interesting findings of the study.

It would be of interest to include some data in the abstract (“we also found a high number of infections in other patients group (which groups?).

Since “no outbreaks or coherences between IA and seasons could be detected” figure 1 add no significant data. In our opinion may be deleted.

Minor Essential Revision:

Figure III is missed.

“IA” should be described in the abstract.

There some minor mistakes in the use of comma, and some errata that should be corrected (for instance page 8 line 17 “on ore more”).

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

The discussion is longer than needed with some redundant data. It should be shorten, and redundant data erased.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests