Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical characteristics of Pneumocystis pneumonia in non-HIV patients and prognostic factors including microbiological genotypes

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The authors have successfully addressed all of the previous concerns.

However, the manuscript could be substantially shortened without loss in content. For example: page 12 line 17-26: could state... "In 21 non-HIV PCP patients B-D glucan levels decreased significantly at a median of 3 days (35). Similar to our study, level normalisation occurred in the minority of patients and did not correlate with outcome (10). These results suggest that B-D glucan can not be used for monitoring....."

Similar sections include: page 11 lines 12-25; page 4 line 3-8.

Similarly, grammar should be corrected e.g.

Abstract line 17: should read.. "Concomitant invasive pulmonary aspergillosis was detected in 5 patients"

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.