Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Left thigh phlegmon caused by Nocardia farcinica identified by 16SrRNA sequencing in a patient with Leprosy: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Bernard Naafs

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I think it is an interesting paper. It confirms data and shows some new ones, especially the activity of Daptomycin in vivo.

1 I would like the dosis of the medications given.

2 Can you explain why you used Rifampicin, minocycline, and mofloxacin to treat the leprosy patient. I think it is only marginal better antibacteriological than the WHO MDT. But it lacks the antireactivety of Lamprene (ENL) and dapsone (Reversal Reaction). It may be that you problems started there.

3 ENL is a problem, there are no good guidelines to treat it. Did you give all year high dose of steroids or intermittent? Did you know that low dose of steroids and thalidomide together may interfere?

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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 interest