Reviewer's report

Title: Mycobacterium Abscessus Peritonitis Associated with Laparoscopic Gastric Banding

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General comments:
This is a report of M. abscessus infection after gastric banding operation. It is rare but possible complication of any surgical operation. It is basically interesting and will give an alarm to medical people, but the authors should clarify several critical queries.

Major compulsory revisions
1. The drug susceptibility testing method used for the isolate should be indicated with interpretational criteria. The readers cannot understand the drugs used are surely effective or not.
2. The isolates should be identified down to sub-species level.
3. Was the same species isolated from prosthesis and/or saline for injection?
4. Were any acid-fast bacilli detected in and/or around the granuloma?
5. What was the presumable infection route in this case? What is the reason for?
6. The resolution of two figures is not enough even for review. They should be replaced with high-resolution one.

Minor essential revisions
1. “Atypical mycobacterium” is inappropriate wording. It must be others like “mycobacterium other than tuberculosis”.
2. What was the initial body weight of the patient?
3. paracentesiss -> paracentesis
4. parental -> parenteral?

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 interests.