Reviewer's report

**Title:** Clinical and laboratory characteristics of penicilliosis marneffei among patients with and without HIV infection in Northern Thailand: a retrospective study

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**Reviewer:** Kenrad Nelson

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This is a report of the clinical and laboratory findings and patient characteristics of patients with disseminated Penicillium marneffei infections who are HIV + (116Pts) and HIV negative (34 Pts). The HIV negative patients seem to be suffering from the same syndrome that was described by Browne S et al N ENGL J MED 2012;367: 725-734. Were any of them evaluated for auto-antibodies to Interferon-Gamma?? Did the survivors of their P marneffei infection experience other opportunistic infections after they recovered?? It would important to follow these patients to define the natural history of this apparently new auto-immune disease, as well as its etiology.

However, this report is useful for clinicians in helping to define the clinical difference between AIDS related P marneffei and -probable--auto immmune related Pmarneffei

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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