Reviewer's report

Title: Mycobacterial infection of breast prosthesis a conservative treatment: a case report

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Reviewer: Christopher CZaja

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Comment: An important report of infection with a rapid-grower NTM for which there is very little in the literature about its potential to cause infection.

Major Compulsory:
1) Can you comment on the methods of the microbiology lab used to obtain the identification?
2) Did you have susceptibility results for the organism before or after the treatment, and can you share them?
3) Why did you decide to use clindamycin?
4) I recommend emphasizing the importance of surgery including removal of the prosthesis, irrigation and debridement in treating NTM surgical site infection. Other similar rapid-grower infection can be very difficult to treat and surgery with removal of the prosthesis is necessary for cure. Re-implantation of the prosthesis before antibiotic treatment and proof of cure can lead to persistent infection.

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 am a subinvestigator on an Insmed trial of Liposomal Amikacin for pulmonary NTM infection.