Reviewer’s report

Title: P. marneffei Infection Involves the Primary Tracheal Structure: the First Case Report

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Reviewer: Liyan Xi

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Minor Essential Revisions

The MS “P. marneffei Infection Involves the Primary Tracheal Structure: the First Case Report” reported a man with Penicillium marneffei infection including lungs, lymphnodes and especially the trachea, and he was not HIV infected. After antifungal treatment and surgery, the patient’s symptoms and signs were all relieved. It is meaningful and helpful for the clinicians. However, there are some problems in this MS as below:

1. There were lots of grammar errors and words misused in this MS. Please ask a native English person to correct it carefully.

2. The title of this MS should be rewritten such as “A Case of P. marneffei Infection Involves the Primary Tracheal Structure” instead of using “.....the First Case Report”.

3. It is better if you add some brief data of this patient to it such as his occupation and travel history.

4. Some contents of the introduction part were repeated in the case report part. Please move the relative contents to the case report part. The discussion was too long and try to shorten it.

5. There was a doubt whether you did a histopathology exam for the tracheal ecphyma to confirm the diagnosis. Please add some pathologic pictures in it if you had done. The microscopic picture of isolate at 37 # was not found in MS, please add it.

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.