Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of failure of conservative treatment among patients with emphysematous pyelonephritis

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. The supplementary materials (Tables/figures) should be reduced
     Some figures or tables are redundant
     The susceptibility rate of causative organisms to antibiotics is not informative in this study. Figure neither showed any new message.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  The authors are encouraged to give more comments on hypoalbuminemia in discussion to support conclusion “what are the advanced managements for hypoalbuminemia” ....

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

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