Reviewer's report

Title: Catheter-associated bacteremia by Mycobacterium senegalense in Korea

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Won Sup Oh et al. reported the first case of Mycobacterium senegalense infection in human which is related to an indwelling central venous catheter used for chemotherapy.

Strength:
1. The first case in the literature.
2. The clinical details are sufficient to justify the clinical significance of the isolate.
3. In addition to 16S rRNA sequencing, the authors had enhanced the differentiation by rpoB and interspacer gene sequencing.

Weakness
1. The basic colony morphology and growth requirement were not mentioned at all. Some basic phenotypic characteristics should be mentioned in addition to the growth rate and acid fastness.
2. History of contact with bovine spp or products should be elicited.
3. Environmental screening if performed should be mentioned.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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