Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors for fatal candidemia caused by Candida albicans and non-albicans Candida species

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Reviewer: Arnaldo Lopes Colombo

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Specific comments:
1. page 7, line 6: the grammar needs correction
2. transition of pages 8/9: please, check the state and fix the grammar errors.
3. Discussion: This study does not support any specific comment on the strategy for antifungal treatment. In addition, I do not agree that the use of 800mg/day of fluconazole is any better than 400mg/day for treating patients with NAC candidemia. Besides MIC data, which kind of clinical evidences we have to support this strategy? This statement suggested by the authors is not supported by good clinical data. I suggest to remove from this paper any comments/conclusions on the best strategy for treating NAC candidemia!!

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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