Reviewer's report

Title: Nososcomial candidaemia in cancer patients: are all patients the same?

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General

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

This report is presented in a sketchy fashion. Differences between solid tumors and hemat. Ca should be discussed in results in some detail, not just shown in table. A multi-variate analysis of predisposing factors should be included. Were there major differences in predisposing factors between types of S. T. malignancies with large numbers of patients? No denominators are provided. Of course, there will be more infections in S.T. patients if the hospital has only small numbers of hemat ca. patients. Hopefully, the authors learned more from their study than what was presented in the abstract conclusion. Why were no factors considered after onset of infection with their impact on response?

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

In results gram positive organisms or species, not strains.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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I declare that I have no competing interests.