Reviewer's report

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Overall, I am happy with the changes made by the authors.

The only change that I would suggest is regarding the recommendation for fluoroquinolone (FQ) use for patients with co-morbidities. Rates of latent and active TB are very high in China, with increasing rates of drug resistant TB isolates. It has previously been shown that empiric therapy of presumed CAP with FQs leads to worse outcomes in those patients who actually have TB. High use of FQs will also lead to greater levels of FQ-resistant TB, which will lead to serious problems in future, as cases of MDR- and XDR-TB become more common.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.