Reviewer's report

Title: Comparative Chest Computed Tomography Findings of Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial Lung Diseases and Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Patients with AFB Smear-Positive Sputum

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Major
The authors show the difference of CT findings between pulmonary tuberculosis and NTM. Pleural effusion, small nodules, cavities, bronchiectasis and cystic (emphysematous) changes are significant findings to differentiate pulmonary tuberculosis from NTM. This has been known as CT findings of these pulmonary mycobacteriosis, therefore, there is no new information in this study. The authors should make another attempt to resolve the problems to accept as a published paper. This study should be examined much larger number of patients and could be better to include pathological information for analysis.

Minor
Presence of honeycombing is considered as a wrong expression. It should be expressed as bronchiectasis and cystic (emphysematous) changes in the lung.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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.