Reviewer’s report

Title: Community-acquired K.pneumoniae meningitis in an alcoholic patient with an infected pancreatic pseudocyst; a case report and review of literature

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Reviewer: Rodrigo Hasbun

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General
This is an interesting case report of an unusual organism causing bacterial meningitis. The case report is well written but the review of the literature needs some work.

Revisions necessary for publication
1) I would review all the published cases of K.pneumoniae meningitis in a table format. Please include age, gender, underlying illness or comorbidities, CSF parameters (White cell count with differential, glucose, protein, Positive gram stain), type of serotype of the Klebsiella (if available), proportion of positive blood cultures, source of infection, neurological morbidity and mortality.
2) Please clarify co-amoxiclav (use generic name) and "tds" in the text.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions
Quality of written English: Acceptable