Reviewer's report

Title: Rhodococcus Equi indwelling catheter infection: a case report

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Reviewer: Shanta Zimmer

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors addressed several of the concerns raised in the review and have corrected many of the spelling and grammatical errors, although several remain which should be attended to prior to publication.

Some questions still remain in the clinical presentation. The fact that this presentation was initially a line related infection that may have been missed due to prior antibiotics should be clarified and emphasized. The treatment with one agent, rifampin, when authors cite literature suggesting that two agents should be used is confusing. Emphasis that this is an immunocompetent host is misplaced since she is very ill and has had extensive immunosuppression through chemotherapy and radiation.

The discussion section is improved but the discussion of gene factors does not
add significantly to the overview and therefore could be removed.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I have no competing interests.