Reviewer's report

Title: Resection of a methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus liver abscess in a patient with Crohn’s disease under infliximab treatment: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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:

Section introduction

1. I think that the authors should add one more paragraph concerning the development of liver abscesses esp concerning immunocompromised patients [Papavramidis et al JMCR 2008].

Section Case report:

2. I would be nice to state the respiration rate and the heart rate of the patient in order to clearly demonstrate that the patient had SIRS due to septic abdomen (of microbial etiology).

3. The duration of the operation is too long. The authors should state the reasons.
4. Which catheter was the origin of the candida infection?

5. Why did the patient remained in the hospital for 41 days? Lab tests were after all normalized 15 days post op

Section Discussion

6. How did the authors explain the existence of MRSA in the patient (eg prior antibiotics, etc)


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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests