Reviewer's report

Title: Safety and efficacy of amphotericin-B deoxycholate inhalation in critically ill patients with respiratory Candida spp. colonization: a retrospective analysis.

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While it appears that the study is relevant because the attempt to decolonize Candida from the respiratory tract is currently practiced, the authors need to better clarify any literature that provides any scientific foundation for this practice. Expert guidelines currently recommend that this should NOT be treated based on the consensus that Candida lower respiratory tract infection is exceedingly rare and requires histopathologic evidence to confirm a diagnosis.

The main value of this manuscript is that it provides evidence that this practice may in fact be harmful.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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