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Title: Pulmonary nocardiosis caused by Nocardia cyriacigeorgica in patients with Mycobacterium avium complex lung disease: two case reports

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Dr. Pak Leung Ho, Dr. Jorge Garbino, and Dr. Jason Stout
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Dear Drs. Leung Ho, Garbino, and Stout:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to re-submit the attached manuscript entitled “Pulmonary nocardiosis caused by Nocardia cyriacigeorgica in patients with Mycobacterium avium complex lung disease: two case reports” for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases as a Case Report.

The manuscript has been carefully rechecked and appropriate changes have been made in response to the reviewer’s suggestions. Our individual responses are included herein.

We thank you and the reviewers for your thoughtful suggestions and insights, which have enriched the manuscript and produced a more balanced and better account of the research. We hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer 1:

Thank you for your comments and the critical review of our manuscript. We agree with your suggestions and have added the following sentence with your suggested reference in line 178 in page 10 (highlighted).

“Intrinsic defects in airway clearance may also contribute to the susceptibility to pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacterial infection and nocardiosis. Indeed, a previous report demonstrated that mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator likely contribute to susceptibility and pathogenesis in adults with bronchiectasis and pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacterial infection. Airway clearance therapies are likely to function in synergy with antimicrobial therapy to accelerate resolution of airway infections.”