Reviewer’s report

Title: Stenotrophomonas maltophilia bloodstream infection in patients with hematologic malignancies: a retrospective study and in vitro activities of antimicrobial combinations

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This manuscript by Cho and colleagues outlines an assessment of the clinical characteristics and treatment of S. maltophilia BSI, with a focus on antimicrobial synergy. Few clinical characteristics were found to be significantly associated with survival status, and modest potential for synergy (but no antagonism) was found for several candidate treatments. Overall, the findings here are well presented and adequately supported. I have only minor comments.

201 “Evidence of the outbreak” is better phrased as “evidence of clonality” or similar. Written English is otherwise excellent and minor errors will be removed in editing.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.