Reviewer's report

Title: Melioidosis: Misdiagnosed in Nepal

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Authors have described two cases of melioidosis which is a rare entity in Nepal.

There are few areas that need improvement.

1. Manuscript requires english language editing.

2. Instead of concluding that the disease had been acquired after travel to Malaysia, authors might also try to explain the possibilities of local acquisition or any travel to adjacent states of India etc. While I dont refute the fact that Malaysia is endemic for melioidosis.

3. The bacteriological description including cultural characters are repeated few times and this could be avoided.

4. Authors might consider changing the opinion that any febrile patient not responding to ceftriaxone should be suspected for melioidosis. This opinion may be rephrased.

5. Authors should consider discussing more on situation of melioidosis in Nepal instead of merely reporting two cases. There are few published reports from Nepal in scientific literature.
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