Reviewer’s report

Title: Brevibacterium paucivorans bacteremia: Case report and review of the literature

Version: 1 Date: 28 Oct 2018

Reviewer: Volkan Özenci

Reviewer's report:

The study by Asai et al. describes a case with Brevibacterium paucivorans and a short review of the literature. The implementation of state of the art methods made it possible to identify rare clinical causes of sepsis. this manuscript is a nice example for that.

As a clinical microbiologist I would like to suggest that the authors describe the clinical microbiology part of the study in more detail.

1- all the antibiotics that are relevant need to be tested and MICs should be given.

2- the MALDI-TOG scores and the manufacturars should be written in detail.

3- The type of blood culture bottles and time to detection should be given in detail.

4- the patient was described as immunocompetent and than she suffered candidemia. this is quite unusual. More detailed information about the focus of the infection should be discussed.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
If not, please explain in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?
If an additional statistical review is recommended, please specify what aspects require further assessment in your comments to the editors.

Yes
Not relevant to this manuscript

Quality of written English
Please indicate the quality of language in the manuscript:

Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests
Please complete a declaration of competing interests, considering the following questions:

1. Have you in the past five years received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

2. Do you hold any stocks or shares in an organisation that may in any way gain or lose financially from the publication of this manuscript, either now or in the future?

3. Do you hold or are you currently applying for any patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

4. Have you received reimbursements, fees, funding, or salary from an organisation that holds or has applied for patents relating to the content of the manuscript?

5. Do you have any other financial competing interests?

6. Do you have any non-financial competing interests in relation to this paper?

If you can answer no to all of the above, write 'I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.

I declare that I have no competing interests

I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal. I understand that my name will be included on my report to the authors and, if the manuscript is accepted for publication, my named report including any attachments I upload will be posted on the website along with the authors' responses. I agree for my report to be made available under an Open Access Creative Commons CC-BY license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). I understand that any comments which I do not wish to be included in my named report can be included as confidential comments to the editors, which will not be published.
I agree to the open peer review policy of the journal