Reviewer’s report

Title: Pneumonia due to Pandoraea Apista after Evacuation of Traumatic Intracranial Hematomas: A case report and literature review

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General comments:

The authors reported a case of non-CF patients with pneumonia due to Pandoraea apista after traumatic intracranial hematoma, and reviewed past cases with Pandoraea infection. It is considered to be interesting in the points of rare pathogens causing pneumonia and the microbiological features. However this case presentation is somewhat poor novelty and the "Discussion“ section is quite redundant. The authors should clarify differences between this study and past reports while quoting and should emphasize what the authors want to mention. There are several points that should be considered and addressed in the revision.

Major comments:

1. The authors reported Pandoraea apista as the responsible pathogens of pneumonia because of the detection from sputum specimen. But this organism is also known as a contaminant as well as a causative pathogen. The author should explain the reason why this bacteria is responsible for pneumonia.

2. The results of blood culture should be described.

3. When was Pandoraea apista was cultured from sputum specimen? At the time of admission or after the initiation of antimicrobial treatments? Please describe it.

4. The patients re-deteriorated after improving once due to antimicrobial treatment. Do the authors consider Pandoraea infection a cause of death or other pathogens/causes?

5. The "Discussion" section is quite redundant. The authors should shorten the section and revise it concisely. For example, the authors described about CF patients with pneumonia more than necessary, and should refer non-CF cases as the present case.

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