Reviewer’s report

Title: Case report: Prolonged and high dosage of tigecycline: Successful treatment of spondylodiscitis caused by multidrug resistant Acinetobacter baumannii

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* Line 27 - must spell-out "MDR" first

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* Line 10 - what was the patients actual temperature

* Line 13 - Need to spell-out "WBC and CRP" and include what the actual values are

* Lines 13 - 25 - a lot of choppy sentences, this section was very difficult to read

* Line 25 - the beginning of the description of radiology: I think this section is unnecessarily long. Again, the most interesting aspects of this case are the treatment of Acinetobacter with tigecycline monotherapy and the overall length of therapy, not the radiographic findings. Too much of the case section is devoted to radiology.

* Line 48 - should first spell-out "MIC" and I think you need to report the colistin MIC as well
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* Line 7 - no dose of gentamicin is provided; it needs to be there

* Line 20 - what were the potential risk you informed the patient about?

* Line 30 - was the patients nausea and vomiting managed with anything?

* Line 33 - you state the ESR and CRP were still elevated, what were the specific values? Also, when was the "new MRI" obtained?

* Line 40 - what was the albumin level and what was the patients baseline level?

* Line 49 - did the inflammatory markers ever decrease or normalize?

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* Line 5 - this paragraph ends with an incomplete sentence

* Line 13 - would like to see some actual data from the study you cite here

* General comment on the "Conclusions" section - We sincerely think there needs to be a paragraph regarding the potential adverse reactions related to long-term tigecycline use (i.e. increased amylase, lipase, LFTs, etc.) - there is no mention of this whatsoever.
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