

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

General Impression: The authors have reported a case of diffused pleural and pulmonary nocardiosis in a patient that was treated with prednisone for 6 months. The case is interesting and informative. The abstract is brief and concise. The introductions gives a good background about the manuscript's subject. The case presentation is beautifully written in details. The discussion is good and insightful. All the ethical considerations are covered and well-respected. The figures are informative. The language needs to be revised, as the manuscript contains some minor linguistic mistakes. I only have some comments that concern the patient history and the conclusions. Comments: 1) I would like to ask: what does the patient work? Or what are her hobbies? Could the authors identify any source of infection? For example working in gardening could increase the exposure to *Nocardia* and therefore, acquiring the infection. 2) Based on the previous comment I would suggest advising the practitioners to advice their patients to avoid the sources of exposure to *Nocardia* or at least taking some preventive measures when corticosteroids administration will last long. 3) I would like to add-up to the conclusions that more severe manifestations of nocardiosis should be suspected when prolonged administration of corticosteroids is present.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors, Thank you for carrying out the requested revisions. Your explanation is

thorough and informative. The manuscript was further improved and it is more suitable for publication. I do not have additional comments.