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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript comprehensively describes the clinical manifestations, methods of identification and treatment of *Exsophiala dermatitidis*, a pathogenic black yeast. I believe that this manuscript provides useful information for those dealing with fungal diseases. There are a few points that I would like to ask for confirmation.

in Examination section, Paragraph 1 We extracted and cultured the bacteria on potato dextrose agar using the specimen, yielding a huge colony on the plate 21 days later (Figure 2). Please describe the temperature at which the strain in the Figures was incubated.

in Examination section, Paragraph 2 However, a recent study has confirmed that this technique is able to identify organisms such as black yeasts, which are ordinarily comparatively difficult to identify, down to the species level, with a discrimination rate of *E. dermatitidis* using MALDI-TOF MS of at least 80.6% – impressive, but unfortunately still not 100%[35]. Are the identification results for *E. dermatitidis* based on the database provided with the system? Since the identification accuracy may vary depending on the MALDI-TOF MS system, I think it would be better to state the name of the instrument used (Microflex LT?).

in Examination section, Paragraph 2 In particular, the low-quality mass spectra and insufficient database entries for some fungal isolates can hinder MALDI-TOF MS-based identification; Is the "low-quality mass spectra" caused by bad material processing?

in Treatment section, Paragraph 1 Additionally, the guidelines do not indicate AMB for treatment. Please describe "the guidelines" in more detail.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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guess it wasn't sent correctly. All the points I made about this manuscript No 65362 have been corrected. I think this manuscript should definitely be accepted.