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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for allowing me to review this case series. I agree with the authors that *Stenotrophomonas* is an emerging pathogen that presents a big challenge in the pediatric population with few antibiotics available. Although these case reports are interesting, I do not believe this is a novel report. *Stenotrophomonas* has been reported. While the blood cultures are more convincing for the sepsis caused by *stenotrophomonas*, in case one, the patient had respiratory cultures positive for steno, but also blood cultures positive for staph epi, I agree with the authors that the clinical course suggest that the steno was more likely the culprit of the significant infection, but this case is less convincing than the other 2 cases. I would suggest moving case 1 to case 3. Discuss the two blood culture positive cases. In case 1, the steno was not initially treated and mero was not changed until several days with no improvement. I would suggest the authors add a paragraph in the discuss about clinicians reluctance to treat this pathogen and often treating it as a colonization rather than a pathogen. Consider referencing (Tillman EM, Firmani SE, Ackerman VL, Slaven JE, Cristea AI. Evaluation of the Treatment of *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia* in Tracheostomy-Dependent Pediatric Patients. *J Pediatr Pharmacol Ther.* 2019 Nov-Dec;24(6):510-516. doi: 10.5863/1551-6776-24.6.510. PMID: 31719813; PMCID: PMC6836693.).