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Peer Review Report for "An Unusual Variant of Lemierre's Syndrome with Multiple Abscesses and Hepatic Vein Thrombosis"

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Roya Alavi-Naini: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 14 Feb 2020

Dear AE,
This is an interesting case report about a rare presentation of lemierre syndrome. The case is well presented. Adding the CXR which shows bilateral lung nodules would be helpful. In the discussion, explaining more about the different locations of infection that are mentioned in reference 3 which is an interesting literature review would help to clarify the different presentations of this syndrome. For example, it would be better to add other affected locations such as ovarian vein thrombosis, prostatic abscess on urinary catheter and vertebral osteomyelitis.
I want to ask you a personal question. Why did you add rifampicin in the combination therapy? How much is the prevalence of tuberculosis in your area? How about resistance to rifampicin over there? Finally, the article needs a good edition, as well.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 16 Feb 2020

Dear AE,
The article " Unusual variant of Lemierre's syndrome with multiple abscesses and hepatic

vein thrombosis" was read and some points are given below:
1. Double-check for grammatical points is needed.
2. introduction is very short. It needs more details.
3. in Case Presentation add some tables and more figures to introduce the case.
Thanks.

Masoud Salehi: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 16 Feb 2020

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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 16 Feb 2020

Dear Author,
The reviewers' comments are mentioned. Please correct the details as mentioned above carefully according to reviewers' request.
Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Reply to Reviewers

Dear Editor,

You find bellow the reply to Reviewers, as suggested :

Question 1 : Why did you add rifampicin in the combination therapy?

Response 1 : Rifampicin, known for its for its orally administration and for its susceptibility to *Fusobacterium*, was the best choice as an oral relay after the patient's discharge. Besides, the use of rifampicin during Lemierre's syndrome was reported in the literature previously.

The reference :

Medina F, Tatay M, Smati M, Aoun O, Tankovic J, Bouchaud O, et al. Lemierre's syndrome: An unusual presentation. Med Mal Infect. 2015;45(8):328–30. DOI:10.1016/j.medmal.2015.05.009.

Question 2 : How much is the prevalence of tuberculosis in your area?

Response 2 : The incidence of tuberculosis in my country in 2017 was 29 / 100000 inhabitants. It is a country with an intermediate endemicity for tuberculosis.

Question 3 : How about resistance to rifampicin over there?

Response 3 : Data about tuberculosis resistance to rifampicin in my country are lacking.

Also,

Grammatical points were double-checked.

Computed tomography scan showing bilateral lung nodules was added.

More details in the introduction and in the discussion explaining more about the different locations of the infection were added.

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 16 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
Thanks for this revision. The article is suitable for publication.
Thanks

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 21 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
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Best regards.

Masoud Salehi: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 22 Apr 2020

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Best regards

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Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.