Reviewer’s report

Title: A traveller presenting with severe melioidosis complicated by a hemodynamically relevant pericardial effusion: a case report

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DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

Case Presentation

1/ Did the patient have had particular occupational contact with soil?

2/ Do you have chemistry of the pericardial effusion?

Discussion

1/ I would suggest to underline, that tuberculosis is the most probable infectious cause in culture negative tamponade and that differential diagnosis with melioidosis can be challenging.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Abstract: Background

1/ Traveler or traveller: it would be better to use the same orthography in the entire article.

Discussion

1/ There is a problem with the white blood cell count of the pleural effusion (73% + 54% + 13% # 100%).

2/ Do you have total white blood cell count and chemistry of the pleural effusion?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests