Reviewer’s report

Title: Emphysematous cystitis following a transrectal needle guided biopsy of the prostate

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1. This case reports add little to the literature. It is another case report of emphysematous cystitis and numerous cases have been reported. The authors do not really relay the key message in the discussion that emphysematous cystitis in the absence of risk factors is indeed rare. However this topic has recently been reviewed in detail (South Med J. 2009 Sep;102(9):942-6). This paper does not attempt to review the previous literature and determine whether similar invasive procedures can be a significant risk factor for development of EC in apparently immunocompetent patients.

2. An addition of a table describing previous EC that development after instrumentation would improve the manuscript.

3. Did the patient had good glucose control during hospitalization? This needs to be clarified. Also did he receive steroids during his hospitalization?

Minor points

4. Correct typos e.g fluorquinilone, cystitis, was generally not prefer

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None