Reviewer’s report

Title: Subcutaneous emphysema as the first relevant clinical sign of complicated tubercular lymph node disease in a child

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Very unusual manifestation of tuberculosis in a young child has been reported. Children still make up a significant proportion of the global tuberculosis and vigilance for this disease is needed even in the countries with low incidence of TBC. The tuberculin skin test followed by polymerase chain reaction for Mycobacterium tuberculosis on bronchial material and gastric aspirate are fast, sensitive and reliable test in diagnosing TBC, therefore these tests should be used more widely. This case report should serve as a reminder to physicians that in young children tuberculosis can manifest with rather unusual symptoms. The paper under review can be published without further revision.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests