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Title: Necrotizing fasciitis caused by Haemophilus influenzae type b in a patient with rectal cancer treated with bevacizumab: a case report

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Dear Dr Harris:

I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “Necrotizing fasciitis caused by *Haemophilus influenzae* type b in a patient with rectal cancer treated with bevacizumab” for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases as a case report.

Necrotizing fasciitis has been reported with the use of bevacizumab, usually secondary to wound healing complications, gastrointestinal perforations, or fistula formation. We present a case of necrotizing fasciitis with the use of bevacizumab in a patient with rectal cancer and no previous injury. *Haemophilus influenzae* type b was determined to be the cause of the necrotizing fasciitis, and the treatment was successful. We caution physicians to consider invasive *Haemophilus influenzae* type b disease in the presence of necrotizing fasciitis in patients treated with bevacizumab.

We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All the authors have approved the manuscript, contributed significantly to the work, and agree with submission to your esteemed journal. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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