Title: CT Features In Abdominal Tuberculosis : 20 Years Experience

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PDF covering letter
Dear Editor

Thanks for asking us to submit a revision of the paper. Our answers to the referees queries are as follows:

Referee 1
Dr Manpreet Gulati

Abstract
1. The background section has been accordingly addressed
2. These concerns have been addressed in the text.
3. This has been updated in the text

B. Introduction
This has been addressed in the text

C. Materials and Methods
This has been addressed in the text. However, as the study was a retrospective analysis of proven cases, we did not assess the exact method of diagnosis or its percentage, this being achieved by more than 1 method in most patients. Our database did not include this in a format amenable to quantitative analysis.

D. Results
1 & 2. This breakdown has been implemented in the table. This has been addressed in the text, by discussing the separate involvements in distinct paragraphs. The case of renal involvement was included because the patient had coexisting abdominal disease.

3. Internal enhancement was not looked at as various generations of scanners were used over 20 yrs and this feature was difficult to evaluate in older generation scanners.

4. This has been addressed.

E. Discussion
1 & 2 have been addressed

F. figures
This has been done
Reviewer 2
Professor Okan Akhan

Keywords
Keywords have been indicated

Materials & Methods
It is not appropriate to mention the type of scanner as equipment was regularly upgraded in these 20yrs in both hospitals.

Patient data is available in our database and copies of the CT films were retained for this study and have been reviewed as mentioned in materials and methods.

Results

This has been addressed in the text

Discussion

Yes, this is a radiological classification and has been referenced in the text. The other points have been addressed in the text. The whole discussion is centered upon CT signs of abdominal TB.

References

These have been reviewed and some included.

Figures & Tables

Fig 7 has been deleted. An example of solid organ involvement has been added in figs 8 & 9

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