Reviewer’s report

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Review of the manuscript:

Bilateral pleural effusion and interstitial lung disease as unusual manifestations of Kikuchi-Fujimoto disease: case report and review of the literature
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The authors reported a case of a patient with Kikuchi-Fujimoto disease, being the relatively rare entity appearing in Europe. The clinical symptoms were unusual for that disease, so the case is interesting and worthy of publication. But in my opinion some revision is need to publish the manuscript. In the present form it is not well enough documented case report.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
The reported clinical picture of the patient is really unusual for KFD: generalized lymphadenopathy, whereas the disease is characterized typically by localized cervical lymphadenomegaly, pain - for KFD characteristic is painless lymph node enlargement, general symptoms – very rare in patients with KFD. So, I think, that in that case, better histological proofs are need, i.e. detailed description of histopathological picture of the lymph node examined (presence of characteristic for KFD “crescentic” histiocytes, expression of MPO) and some figures (microphotographs) with typical features.
Moreover, interesting and not reported is a kind of pleural fluid (was an effusion examined cytologically?).

Minor Essential Revisions:
Additionally, small language correction should be done, as cited below:
-abstract, line 2: “idiopathic” should be corrected to “idiopathic”;
-abstract, line 10: “two weeks´ fever” should be corrected to “fever lasting for two weeks”;
-abstract, line 14: “Both of them” – should be - „Both symptoms”;
-case presentation section, page 3: “haemoglobin 12 gr/dl, leukocyte count 3,400…..platelet count 246000” – correct to - „hemoglobin 12g/dl, ..........3.400.......246,000”;
- case presentation section, p.4: “multiple cervical and one mediastinal lymphadenopathies” should be corrected to “lymphadenopathy affecting bilateral cervical and one mediastinal lymph nodes”;

- case presentation section, p. 4: “cervical lymphadenopaties, axillary bilateral lymphadenopathies” should be: “cervical lymph nodes, axillary lymphadenopathy”;

- case presentation section, p. 4: “extensive axillary, mediastinal and hilar bilateral lymphadenopathies” should be corrected to “generalized axillary, mediastinal and hilar lymphadenopathy”;

- case presentation section, p. 5: “physical examination and chest X-ray is absolutely normal” – correct to - “……………………are absolutely…..”.

**Level of interest:** An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

**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’