Reviewer’s report

Title: Unsuspected Pneumocystis pneumonia in an HIV-seronegative patient with untreated lung cancer: a case report

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Reviewer: Graham Douglas

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

General

Thank you for sending me this revised manuscript. The authors have addressed most of my concerns. They have strengthened their diagnosis of malignancy and discussed the possible causes of the low CD4 count. The references have been updated and there are now no obvious spelling mistakes. It would have been a stronger paper if a post mortem had been carried out - but this aside the paper is now worthy of publication.

Revisions necessary for publication

What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable