Reviewer's report

Title: Anaphylactic reaction associated with Ranitidine in a patient with acute pancreatitis: A Case report.

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Reviewer: Peter Laszlo Lakatos

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Comments to authors:

General
The authors report an unexpected, severe, rare adverse event of a widely used drug. It is clearly a rarity, however, since the wide use of the drug it may deserve attention.

Revisions necessary for publication

A minor comment is that since the patient was known to be allergic to other medications and this may suggest that the allergy to ranitidine may develop in patients with known multiple allergies. This may be included in the discussion, though no supportive data are available

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable