Reviewer's report

Title: Pyomyositis Of Tensor Fascia Lata: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Hasan Yüksel

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Dear Authors,

this case report included a child suffering form pyomyositis in his fascia lata as an unusual presentation of this disease. This case presentation may be valuable for general practionner, pediatricians, specialists in pediatric infectious disease and also orthopedics. However major and minor revisions are needed before last decision. I have listed as belove;

Major Critics

1. Presented case is a child. The case with presented as pyomyositis may have some metastatic complicated infection site as especially pulmonary septic embolus. Thus, it is proposed a consultation with pediatrician and taking a chest x-ray. Have you had those ? If yes, please attach those information. If no, please discuss this detail, why ?

2. Only MR image was presented in the text. Also, direct x-ray image of the hip must be added to the text. This revision may increase the value of this case
presentation.

3. The doses of drugs are used and presented as mg/ kg / day not mg/day. I hope that if a pediatrician examined this case, He had had suggested as this manner. It shold be changed this dose as as mg/ kg / day in the text.

4. The localization of the pyomyozitis on the MR image should be signed by an arrow. Also an image from control MR should be added as same format to the text.

5. As mentioned in the first critic, children with pyomyositis may have also associated supurative infections such as septic pulmonary embolus. This manner should be added to the discussion and given previous case report. For example, "Yuksel H, Yilmaz O, Orguc S, Yercan HS, Aydogan D.A pediatric case of pyomyositis presenting with septic pulmonary emboli. Joint Bone Spine. 2007 Oct;74(5):491-4." may be favorouble example about this point.

Minor Critics

1. There are some grammatical errors on the text. Those should be revised carefully. Such as "he continued the cefazolin treatment for..." is appropiate ? Or "cefazolin treatment continued the for..." is appropriate ????

2. There are some instructive errors on the text such as (figure 1) instead of (Fig. 1).

3. I suggest that discussion need to be written in more detaile manner and on the contrary conclusion should be more condence and shorter.

What next?: Revise and resubmit

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published