Reviewer’s report

Title: Tuberculous peritonitis in German Patient with PBC

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Reviewer: Nupur Gupta

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Comments to authors:

General
1. The authors have highlighted that tubercular peritonitis is the final diagnosis on the basis of culture report, but there can be false positives too; but the patient did not survive to show the signs of clinical improvement on antitubercular therapy.
2. The manuscript is too lengthy.
3. What is the past medical history? Does the patient give any history of infertility, menstrual dysfunction as well.
4. Discussion should emphasise upon the tubercular flare or peritonitis in such patients following any prolonged illness or immunocompromised state.
TB peritonitis is considered to develop as a result of haematogenous dissemination from a reactivated latent pulmonary focus or from diseased lymph nodes, the intestine, or the fallopian tubes or reactivation of a long-latent tuberculous focus in the peritoneum (F.B. Demirkazik, Acta Radiol 1996)
5. There are too many figures. Only figure 3 can be retained.

Revisions necessary for publication
What next?: Reject

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