Reviewer’s report

Title: Pulmonary fibrosis associated with antipsychotic drug therapy: a case report

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Reviewer: Philippe Camus

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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:

Age is atypical for idiopathic nonspecific interstitial pneumonia
Patient was receiving 2 drugs concurrently
Thus, which one was responsible cannot be determined
Biopsy confirmed a diagnosis of fibroptic NSIP
Unfortunately, too much was done at the same time:
   - withdrawal of the two drugs
   - + corticosteroid therapy high dosage
   - + cyclophophamide
Therefore, drug causality cannot be assessed
Level of evidence for the drug etiology is low.
Drug-induced pulmonary disease is one out of several diagnostic options

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests