Reviewer’s report


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Reviewer: chadi hage

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

If other, please specify:

unusual presentation of presumed histoplasmosis in an otherwise healthy young man

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

this is a very interesting case report of histoplasmosis in a young and otherwise healthy man. however the diagnosis was not confirmed or supported by any other data (culture, serology, antigen). the only data they have is a pathology that showed intracellular yeast that look like Histoplasma, but they can also be many other pathogens. one would expect that with such extensive pathology sputum culture should be readily positive. the author should make an effort to provide
such microbiological data and if not available should acknowledge this limitation in their discussion

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interest