Reviewer’s report

Title: Another Whipple’s Triad? Pericardial, Myocardial and Valvular Disease in an Unusual Case Presentation from a Canadian Perspective

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Reviewer: Pepijn Grashuis

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A Nice presentation of a case that deserves more awareness in the rheumatology and cardiovascular Work-Up. Well written and easy to read.

Comments:

- For me it is unclear whether or not this patient had his blood cultures tested for T. Wipplei, either at the time he presented with symptoms of heart failure or during his prior extensive work-up described in Table 2. Because the conclusion is devoted to BCNE I would assume that the blood cultures for this patient were negative too, but that cannot be concluded based on the case presentation.

- I know that there is only little known about risk factors for the development of Wipples disease, but as war as you can tell; does this patient fit the risk profile? Race, farmer?

- The description of the TTE is of great importance but lacks detail. For example, as a non-sonographer I cannot imagine how you distinct post-inflammatory causes from degenaritive causes, which both may have led to the calcific aortic valve. Images of the TTE additional to the histological images may be of great value.

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