Reviewer's report

Title: A Rare Case of Pericarditis and Pleural Empyema Secondary to Transdiaphragmatic Extension of Pyogenic Liver abscess

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Cho et al described a case of pericarditis and pleural empyema secondary to transdiaphragmatic extension of pyogenic Liver abscess. This case report is well written and mention important points which help clinician to aware the dangerous complication of liver abscess.

I have some suggestions.

(1) Table 1 showed thirteen cases of pericarditis complicated by pyogenic liver abscess in English literature. The reader may be interested about what is the role (prevalence) of K. pneumoniae in bacterial pericarditis. I suggested the author give some description about the prevalence/epidemiology of bacterial pericarditis.

(2) If possible, may add some discussion about pathogenesis of bacterial virulence of K. pneumoniae. (e.g. Yu et al has reported a case of KP pericarditis related to capsule genotype K1 in Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis. 2009 Mar;63(3):346-7.)

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