Reviewer’s report

Title: Disseminated cryptococcosis presenting initially as lower limb cellulitis in a renal transplant recipient - A Case Report

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The authors describe a case of disseminated cryptococcosis associated to a skin lesion that appeared prior to other symptoms.

Major comments:

- Microbiology is missing in this case, especially identification (neoformans vs. gattii) or variety (neoformans vs. grubii). This is of outmost importance since in Europe PCC have been associated with serotype D.

- It is still unclear is the case described herein is a disseminated infection with cutaneous manifestation or a PCC secondary disseminated. Both hypotheses are possible, especially since no serum investigation had been performed on the 3rd/4th of August. It is likely that crypto antigen was already positive at this step. If it had been the case, this would have been an evidence for initial invasion/dissemination.

- The authors should discuss the time to onset of the cryptococcosis regarding the transplantation in comparison with literature

- About dormancy and reactivation versus acute infection: the authors should quote and discuss these papers adequately (PMID : 10488178 ; 17959819 ; 25827423 )

  – The authors should date when the patient take care of his bird (recently acquired ?)

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