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Title: Leptospirosis infection in a homeless patient in December in Tokyo

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I am submitting herewith our manuscript entitled “Leptospirosis infection in a homeless patient in December in Tokyo,” for consideration for publication as a case report in Internal Medicine.

In this manuscript, we present a case report of severe leptospirosis (Weil’s disease) that occurred in winter in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. The patient was a homeless man in his 70s who had been exposed to rodents and their excrement in parks and on the streets. He presented with fever and severe inflammatory response. He also complained of tenderness in the lower limbs. Laboratory findings showed multiple-organ dysfunction, including renal failure with increasing creatinine kinase levels, liver failure with increased total bilirubin level, and coagulopathy with decreased platelets. Based on these clinical findings, the patient was diagnosed with leptospirosis and treated with intravenous ceftriaxone. We believe that readers of Internal Medicine would be interested in this report because our case suggests that even patients without a history of traveling abroad or exposure to fresh water could develop leptospirosis in winter in urban areas, and because characteristic physical and laboratory findings suggested the correct diagnosis on first impression.

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