Reviewer’s report

Title: Symmetrical peripheral gangrene with successful resolution after severe acute pancreatitis

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

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:
Yes.

Do you have any ethical concerns?:
No ethical concerns.

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:
Yes.

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:
Yes.

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes
Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes
Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes
Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes
Does the article report the types of intervention?: No
Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: No

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.:  
1. Was any evidence of chronic pancreatitis in this patient? As, this patient had two previous attacks of pancreatitis.
2. How the severity of acute pancreatitis calculated (revised Atlanta classification should be used for assigning severity)
3. How long aspirin and pentoxiphylline was prescribed and in what doses, any recommendations?
4. Authors don’t mentioned about the vasopressors used for patients in clinical details (as mentioned in abstracts)? Was peripheral gangrene is due to vasopressors toxicity?
5. Was he investigated for coffee-ground vomitus?
6. Any information regarding follow-up visits?

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Treatment of peripheral gangrene should be highlighted in discussion.

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

Yes.

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes.

Additional comments to authors?:

1. How the diagnosis of disseminated intravascular coagulation was made? (This patient had normal platelets, normal PT and aPTT and elevated fibrinogen levels. D-dimers can be elevated in sepsis and any hospitalized patients.)
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3. How the severity of acute pancreatitis calculated (revised Atlanta classification should be used for assigning severity).
4. How long aspirin and pentoxiphylline was prescribed and in what doses, any recommendations?
5. Was heparin was considered to treat this patient? If not, why?
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7. Was he investigated for coffee-ground vomitus?
8. Any information regarding follow-up visits?
9. Require corrections in references.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.