Reviewer's report

Title: Successful resolution of symmetrical peripheral gangrene after severe acute pancreatitis: a case report

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Reviewer: Jayanta Samanta

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

yes

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

no

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?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

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

yes
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?:
As per my previous suggestion, what has been said to be evidence of sepsis: "vital signs revealed a blood pressure of 74/27 mmHg, a heart rate of 152 beats per minutes, and a body temperature of 38.7°C" is actually evidence of SIRS which is well known in patients with AP. Hence, definite evidence of sepsis is lacking and as is well known that it is mere SIRS secondary to cytokine burst rather than infection that plays a major role in the first week of AP.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests