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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1- punctuation grammar, need to check 2- Line 90, why you didn't depend on the MRI for detecting the cyst? 3- Line 94-96 In the cytological puncture, many acute inflammatory cells were found, how CBC was normal? 4- try to make a table for the previous case report and compare with your result



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The publication reports an interesting case of a bronchiogenic cyst in an unusual location becoming symptomatic by secondary infection complicating the diagnostic process. The Care Checklist was used to prepare the case report. The Abstract is concise and reflects a typical clinical course. Keywords could be more meaningful „chest wall“, „skin“, and „biopsy“ are very general terms. More precise terms, for example „Neuroenteric cyst“ or „dermal cyst“, „chest wall infection“ or „benign chest wall lesion“ would be more precise. Introduction: Bronchiogenic cysts may occur in more areas and organs than reported here (for example spine, thyroid gland etc). They need not all to be mentioned but a hint like „and in others“ would be appropriate. What is meant by the „separation“? In Line 57/58 it is reported that the incidence in females is much higher than in males (which is widely accepted), but in the Discussion a publication by Shah is referenced, reporting a case series of 86 bronchiogenic cysts of which 74% were in male patients. What is or could be the explanation for this contradictory finding? This could be discussed in the Discussion part. It would be beneficial to mention the usual histopathological findings of bronchogenic cysts (Type A or B) and the natural clinical course to point out what was different in this case (i.e. 60 years of absence of symptoms, the cyst becoming only symptomatic because of the infection). Case Presentation: Line 92-93: obvious abnormalities of the skin were absent, but the text mentions dermal symptoms including secretion (for example Line 182-183). This is contradictory. The ultrasound findings could be given in more detail. They are mentioned in the picture texts, but the size of the lesion (only 8-9 mm thick) might be the explanation of why it was not causing any symptoms before. In Picture A there seems to be a capsule, which is



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not depicted in Picture B as clearly. What could be the explanation for that? Bronchiogenic cysts may have a gelatinous content showing giving more echo signals in sonography, especially when infected. In contrast the pictures show a homogenous content with fairly low echo intensity. In Line 106 it says „pathological diagnosis was made based on the obtained specimen“ (probably cytological examination is meant), but in the abstract it is mentioned, the diagnosis was only possible after resection and complete histological workup. So there is a contradiction needing to be resolved. Were there differences in the cytological and histopathological findings/diagnoses? There seems to have been a single cyst, the text mentions multiple cysts for example in Line 27 or 107, that should be corrected. Lines 107 to 109: Not the structure of the inflammatory cells, but of the column-like cells was typical for bronchial epithelium. This should be made clearer. Maybe more details of the histopathologic findings would be helpful there. What was the composition of the inflammatory cells? Were they more indicative for chronic infection or of an acute infection? Discussion: The absence of clinical symptoms may not only be due to the location but also to the limited size of the cyst. The absence of a preoperative diagnosis in this case is not unusual, as the patient presented with clinical symptoms of an abscedating chest wall infection, confirmed by putrid secretion. In the absence of a fistula a surgical resection would be the treatment of choice anyway and additional examinations and tests would only have postponed treatment further. This is mentioned by the authors correctly in line 180-182. What genetic or metabolic markers have the authors in mind (Line 173) to identify the cyst preoperatively? Lines 187-191 give a little more detail to the surgical approach with a primary debridement, open wound treatment and secondary wound closure. This should be part of the Case Presentation. The Discussion may reflect on this, when considering alternative ways of treatment. All in all this case report is worth publishing. It would profit from some minor work to solve contradictory passages and



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