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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Name of journal: *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Manuscript NO: 87640

Title: Multiple sparganosis spine infection mainly in the thoracic region

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

Peer-review model: Single blind

Reviewer's code: 05336288

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Professional title: Doctor

Reviewer's Country/Territory: United States

Author's Country/Territory: China

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty
Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation



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Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Abstract: Pls mention the exact surgical intervention performed. Pls elaborate on the exact medical treatment and course of recovery Intro: Pls focus on sparganum related spinal infection. The intro is generalised. What is the purpose of reporting this case? What were the challenges? Case: Followup details? Why such an odd construct was planned? Discussion Purpose of study/ report? The discussion has ended abruptly. What is the message for the readers? Conclusion of the study? How can this report change the practice or perspectives of the readers in the management of spondylodiscitis? Needs to be substantially modified

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Conflicts-of-Interest: [] Yes [Y] No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The reviewer has gone through the manuscript no 87640, iecase report titled “ Multiple sparganosis spine infection mainly in the thoracic region” and following are the review comments :

1. Authors should explain the indication for surgical treatment. As per authors the neurology of the patient was intact. Authors should also provide the complete neurological examination findings of the patient.
2. The drug of choice mentioned in literature for Sparganosis is Praziquantel. Authors should clarify the rationale and cite evidence for giving albendazole in this patient.
3. Authors should also mention in detail the post op protocol and the duration of antiparasitic medication for the patient.
4. Authors should clarify whether the patient was screened for sparganosis infestation of other body parts. It has been reported that Sparganosis is found in lungs of many patients having thoracic infestation.
5. Some case reports have mentioned about the prognosis of surgery depending upon whether the worm is alive or dead. Authors may elaborate about the same in the case report.
6. The discussion could be more informative citing the previous literature and case reports and discussing how the findings of this case compared with it.