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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case. Diagnosing PUO clinically is almost always a tricky problem. The case described here is a child with PUO who is eventually diagnosed with brucellosis. This case highlights the need for PUO to collect a detailed history and grasp the local epidemiology of infection. Brucellosis is a major endemic zoonotic disease characterized by systemic symptoms rather than gastrointestinal discomfort.

Response

Dear Reviewer,

Thank you so much for your positive feedback on this case report with literature review. PUO has always tricked clinicians, and if the cause is an easily treatable infection, it's all the more sad if its diagnosis poses such a big challenge. A knowledge of local epidemiology of infections is so imperative to order the right investigations for prompt diagnosis. Also the awareness of rare clinical manifestations can prevent delay in intervention and subsequent complications.

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Specify the technique used for serology.

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Thank you so much for your positive feedback on this case report with literature review.

The serological test that was used for this patient's Brucella serology was ELISA. The same has been highlighted in the manuscript.