

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this article, the authors reported a rare case of candida liver abscess complicated by COVID-19 and underlying malignancy. Though case is rare, well written and interesting. There are several flaws in case presentation, I have some suggestions which should be addressed by the authors. Please find my suggestions below:

1. Title should depict the exact diagnosis; Candida is missing here that should be included.
2. Did the patient have any symptoms regarding liver abscess? Fever? Pain abdomen or other signs of infections? Chief complaints and case presentation is incomplete and needs to be revised.
3. Line 106... patient had liver mets, underwent ablation. When did patient diagnosed with liver abscess and how?? Again, lot of information is missing from case presentation.
4. Please mention the normal values of lab parameters.
5. Authors should also add how candida albicans abscess was diagnosed. Regarding culture report etc.. Susceptibility report if available.
6. How the patient was diagnosed with COVID-19, any reason to suspect COVID ? All these information regarding case has to be in 'case presentation-history and lab diagnosis section.
7. I am curious to know why fluconazole was started in this patient who had invasive candidiasis? Why not caspofungin or amphotericin



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which are preferable option in invasive candidiasis. Fluconazole is usually a step-down therapy in invasive candidiasis. 8. In 'Discussion' section, first 2 paragraph regarding malignancy are irrelevant for the current case, can be removed. 9. Authors should highlight the incidence of candida/fungal liver abscess and its outcome. 10. How COVID-19 is relevant in this patient? Did the patient have any symptoms of LRTI?

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Fungal abscess after chemotherapy, ablation therapy are rare occurrence. This case report is well written and can be published due to its rarity. Relation of Covid19 and fungal abscess is unclear. For me, it appears, the Covid19 is just incidental superimposed infection. Beside some case reports it is unclear whether Covid19 causes increase in mortality due to liver abscess.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I am satisfied with the revised form of article. The manuscript can be accepted now for publication.