

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for sharing your experience handling this very unusual case, although, I agree with you that it was challenging and mysterious presentation of disease, there are few questions that I want to ask you. It is strange that you did not add the histoplasmosis in your differential diagnosis knowing that this patient had history of living in an endemic area! If you put that diagnosis in your consideration, you would conduct the tests for histoplasmosis and probably the outcome would be different! Can you comment on that! Also, I found out that the use of high doses of steroid on totally empirical basis is rather concerning and I do think it may contribute to the outcome. Is it a common practice at your institution to use high doses of steroid in patient who are already immune-suppressed and presenting with signs of possible infection with undetermined nature! Please comment.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report a moderately rare infectious complication after a liver transplant. The authors have followed the protocol for submission in large and there are no significant language errors. I had several suggestions to make to the authors: 1. There is no introduction to the manuscript and this was in the instructions (including for case reports, see template example). 2. There is simply too much unnecessary material which would be better off being left out as it adds nothing to this particular case. Case in example would be the whole second paragraph in the case report. 3. The discussion section is simply too long and unnecessarily goes into the epidemiological details of Histoplasmosis. This is not necessary and should be briefer. 4. I believe there is an error in the reporting of the lab values - on the Nov 2014 admission she was noted to have a WCC of  $10.8 \times 10^9/L$ , and then the neutrophils were the exact same number. Is this true? Did she have a 100% neutrophilia? 5. The study does go into some of the



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missed opportunities of making this diagnosis, some of which are surprising. Not identifying the travel after transplant is somewhat significant. With the diagnosis of granulomatous enterocolitis, I am surprised a better workup for other infectious agents that can cause this specific issue was not done. The authors themselves state in the comments section that a urine Histo test is pretty sensitive and not that difficult to perform. Ultimately, this report highlights more the missed diagnosis rather than an interesting case.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article of Nikita Agrawal and collaborators shows fatal gastrointestinal histoplasmosis 15 years after orthotopic liver transplantation. This is a good piece of work, data are consistent, paper is well written and conclusions based on presented data. I think this manuscript can be published in WJG.

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This was well-structured and well-organized essay with little spelling errors