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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There are some spelling mistakes in the article. The similar work has been published, the article is too simple and is expected to attract only a very small number of readers.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments The authors present a case of pancreatitis appeared five days after the onset of herpes zoster. The authors reported that the acute pancreatitis was caused by varicella-zoster viral infection and “this is the first case report of acute pancreatitis caused by VZV viral infection in an immunocompetent adult”. I have some different considerations about the case: 1. There is a lack of a strong evidence to connect the two diseases. There was a five-day interval between the onsets of the two diseases; the herpes zoster had been timely treated and shown a good response; the onset of the pancreatitis was after dining; there is no reasonable explanation about the connection of the two diseases. Did the patient suffer a secondary inflammation following the herpes zoster? Did the “cholecystic polyp” of the patient follow up when the patient recovered? 2. In clinical situation, it should not be a big problem to differentiate the stabbing pain of herpes zoster at the upper chest with the epigastric dull pain of pancreatitis with vomiting. Other suggestions: 1. Title: It may be more reasonable to change “caused by” to “probably associated with”? 2. Abstract: In the first sentence, “(VZV)c” is confusing. 3. Introduction: The sentence “Viral pancreatitis associated with VZV is a very rare entity and has been reported almost in immunocompromised individuals or children” is confusing. The sentence “this is the first case report of acute pancreatitis caused by VZV viral infection in an immunocompetent adult” is not proper. 4. Case report: The way of list the test results is boring. 5. Discussion: This part didn’t clarify the connection of pancreatitis with herpes zoster, especially in an immunocompetent adult.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Varicella-zoster virus usually causes localized zoster in adults. However, in immunocompromised patients, it can cause systemic infection accompanied by complications such as pneumonia, encephalitis, and hepatitis. However, viral pancreatitis associated with VZV is a very rare entity and has been reported almost in immunocompromised individuals or children. The authors reported that this is the first case report of acute pancreatitis caused by VZV infection in an immunocompetent adult. The following comments to the present draft should be taken into consideration: 1. The major problem of this manuscript is the lack of a definite relation between AP and VZV infection. 2. The patient's serum VZV-specific IgM and IgD levels during the disease were interesting. 3. The paper is basically well written, has however still some flaws in the English wording and should thus be revised by a native English speaking colleague / person.



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Wang et al. described a case report focusing on acute pancreatitis caused by varicella-zoster viral infection in an immunocompetent adult. This is an interesting case report but it is not acceptable in its present form.

- In the Abstract section I read: "The diagnosis was confirmed based on abdominal pain, hyperamylasaemia, computed tomography findings of peri-pancreatic exudation and effusions, after excluding more common causes of acute pancreatitis.", I would suggest to consider and to added also the urine amylase parameter.
- I would suggest to summarize laboratory findings in a table.
- The Discussion section is too long and only descriptive. I would suggest to shortened this section.
- Figure 2 and 3 are very nice and representative.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting case-report well written. Some English mistakes has to be corrected.