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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	Google Search:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

"Fulminant phlegmonitis of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum due to *Bacillus thuringiensis*" by Matsumoto H et al. This is a very good-written manuscript describing a fulminant case of phlegmonitis of intestinal tissues caused by *B. thuringiensis*. The manuscript is recommended for publication with minor changes. The authors detected *B. thuringiensis*, relatively mild pathogen, in the blood of this individual. Based on the previous history of this individual, immunosuppressive status of the patient is a good reason to explain fatal outcome caused by a relatively mild pathogen. The bacterial septicemia is probably responsible for systemic organ failure and death. Blood biochemistry data (e.g., aminotransferases showing liver failure and etc.) will be helpful to prove that.