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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is an interesting case report of a patient with chronic hepatitis B that had intestinal spirochetosis incidentally diagnosed. The title correctly reflects the main subject of the manuscript. The abstract well summarizes the work described in the manuscript. However, conclusions may be improved. What impact for clinical practice this case may have in the future? The keywords reflect the focus of the manuscript accordingly. The introduction adequately describes the background of the reported case, and discussed disease (intestinal spirochetosis). The aim of the study is formulated. Case report section: I would suggest being more specific for how long each condition lasted, when it was diagnosed. I would also suggest providing a Table with laboratory parameters depending on the time of measurement/follow-up. I would also suggest to provide pictures of the imaging tests that were performed, that would certainly increase the value of this case report. The discussion is interesting, however I would like the authors to try to answer my questions within this section: Was the patient undergoing a diagnostic path for a congenital immunodeficiency? What was his proteinogram/albumin level, was the possibility that he was not well nourished? Does the patient have any tattoos? Unprotected sexual encounters in the past or currently? Do we know anything about how the patient was infected with hepatitis B virus? Is there any possibility that IS may be an STD along with hepatitis B? Was the military history somehow connected to patients' medical conditions, especially regarding HBV infection. Was the signed consent obtained from the patient for publishing his case?

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