

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57913

Title: Pleural and Cutaneous Manifestations of Seronegative Kaposi's Sarcoma in an Elderly Patient: A Diagnostic Challenge Resolved by Thoracoscopy.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is√.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance		√		

Reviewer ID: JP085

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This case report describes a rare presentation of classic Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) with pleural and cutaneous involvement in a 69-year-old HIV-negative patient. The patient presented with pleural effusion, breathlessness, weight loss, and characteristic skin lesions. Initial investigations, including pleural biopsy and bronchoscopy, were inconclusive. The final diagnosis was established through medical thoracoscopy and histopathological examination. The report highlights the diagnostic challenges of pleural KS in HIV-negative individuals and emphasizes the value of thoracoscopy in reaching a definitive diagnosis.

Strength:

1. Rare and clinically significant case
2. Detailed clinical, radiological, and pathological findings
3. Clear description of diagnostic challenges
4. Good correlation between skin and pleural manifestations
5. Strong educational value for clinicians
6. Relevant and updated literature review include

Weakness:

1. Single case report limits generalizability
2. HHV-8 immunohistochemical confirmation is not reported
3. Short follow-up and treatment outcome details are lacking
4. Limited discussion of therapeutic management after diagnosis
5. Minor grammatical and formatting issues present

Overall assessment:

This manuscript presents a rare and educational case of pleural Kaposi's Sarcoma in an HIV-negative patient. The case is well documented and demonstrates the importance of considering KS in the differential diagnosis of unexplained exudative pleural effusion. The use of thoracoscopy as a diagnostic

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tool is clearly highlighted. Additional information regarding treatment and follow-up would further strengthen the report

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication.