

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Kikuchi-Fujimoto Disease in a Young Woman: A Rare Cause of Cervical Lymphadenopathy

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		√		

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Reviewers Comment for Publication.

This is a case report of a 24-year-old woman with cervical lymph node swelling, fever, weakness, weight loss, and reduced appetite. Since tuberculosis is common in India, tuberculosis was initially suspected. However, TB tests including QuantiFERON-TB, AFB staining, and GeneXpert were negative. Excisional biopsy showed typical features of Kikuchi-Fujimoto disease (KFD). The patient was treated with supportive care and naproxen and showed complete recovery during six months of follow-up.

Strength:

1. The topic is rare and clinically important.
2. The case is clearly presented.
3. Patient symptoms, laboratory findings, investigations, treatment, and follow-up are described.
4. Appropriate tests were performed to rule out tuberculosis.
5. Histopathological findings support the diagnosis of KFD.

Weakness:

1. The report is based on only one patient, so the findings cannot be generalized.
2. The case presentation could provide more detailed laboratory investigation results.
3. The method of diagnosis could be explained more clearly.
4. Immunohistochemical markers such as CD68 and MPO were not performed, as acknowledged by the authors.
5. The follow-up period of six months may not be sufficient to identify late recurrence.
6. Some statements in the discussion are lengthy and difficult to read.

Overall assessment:

The article presents a useful and interesting case of Kikuchi-Fujimoto disease, especially because it can resemble tuberculosis in young patients with cervical lymphadenopathy. The diagnosis is supported by biopsy findings and negative tuberculosis investigations.

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