

Reviewer Comments Sheet

Title: 6-day-old term infant with fever and lethargy.

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	Yes	No
Is the article in acceptable language and grammar?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is title and abstract informative?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Is new knowledge presented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
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Are the interpretations and conclusions justified by the data?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all tables and figures relevant clear and concise?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all references necessary and adequate?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommendations:

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Major changes	Minor changes
X	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Neonatal osteomyelitis is uncommon, but it can be devastating if it is late diagnosed. Prompt and accurate management are crucial. This clinical case is interesting due to presentation of osteomyelitis during antibiotic administration. However, the authors do not present in detail the antibiotic management of the neonate and they do not explain clearly the rationale for the choice of antibiotics.

1) Case presentation

- a) "The mother... unremarkable". Report firmly if the mother was tested for GSB and the results of the test.
- b) "The infant was...antibiotics administration." Report the antibiotics and the doses that were administered. Comment if it was given the appropriate antibiotic management.

- c) “In the setting...branchial plexus injury.” Rephrase this sentence. There is no relation between branchial plexus injury and bacteremia.
- 2) Discussion
 - a) “Join compression...4-6 weeks”. Add citations in the paragraph.
- 3) Patient course
 - a) Report the dose and administration time of ampicillin during . Explore why ampicillin was the drug of choice. Present some information regarding the penetration of ampicillin in bones and its pharmacokinetics.
- 4) Summary
 - a) Number 4. Rephrase “up to 98% sensivity based on previous studies”. There are not many studies in order to draw a firm conclusion regarding the percetange of CRP and ESR sensitivity.
 - b) Number 6. This statement comes in disagreement with the antibiotic regiment that you used. Please, explain in detail.
- 5) Figure 1. Cover the eyes of the baby in order to hide his identity.