

Did the child have fever of unknown origin?

To the Editor,

Dr. Çalışkan and colleagues¹ presented well-studied a 4-year-old boy with fever, coarse breath sounds on the basal lung areas, positive tuberculin skin test, mediastinal lymphadenopathy, enlarged paratracheal lymph nodes and ground-glass appearance on the base of the right lung who also had liver involvement (though protrombin and activated partial thromboplastin time were not given). I believe, the patient had enough findings for the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis. Therefore, some tests such as parvo virus EBV, RF, ANA, dsDNA, pANCA, cANCA, lymphocyte subgroups and bone marrow biopsy were not required for diagnosis of this patient.

In this well-written paper, there was not any reference from this country related to liver tuberculosis. We had published 6 patients with liver tuberculosis before 1986². In addition 10 more patients with granulomatous hepatitis were published diagnosed by the liver needle biopsy³.

May I also bring to the attention that reference 24 was not included among the references?

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