

# Pancreatic Tuberculosis (A Pancreatic Cancer Mimicker!)



## 47 yo male, came from Mondulkiry, Admitted at ED on 10/10

- Chef Complain: Epigastric pain
- M.H:
- Epigastric pain for about **2 months** with **moderate fever** (no chill), getting worse after eating with no vomiting.
- He present with **abdominal mass (epigastric)** → Diagnosis was made at Kampong Cham as **Pancreatic cyst** → Being Transferred to Calmette for the operation.
- Past medical History:
  - Hemoptysis 3 times in 1 year
  - Heavy smoking habit: 30 PY
  - No history of Diabetes, No history of Hypertension
  - No surgical past history
  - No traumatic past history
  - No family history



### Clinical Examination

Vitals signs: TA: 12/8cmHg,
 P: 88/mn, T: 37c, SaO2: 98%

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Feeling of fever but no chill (never put the temperature at home)
- <u>Abdominal disconfort on</u> the epigastric region
- Unintentional 10kg weight loss (54→45kg/an)
- Productive caught

#### Physical exam on admission:

- Palpable epigastric mass,
   with no appreciable
   lymphadenopathy
- Lung sound are clear
- Mild jaundice, No ascites



Intra abdominal tumor?



## Other investigation

#### • 10/10:

- Hb:113g/l, GB: 8,92giga/l, plaquette: 331giga/l

- TP: 88%, groupage: AB

- Amylase:711U/I, Lipase: 280U/I

- ASAT: 73, ALAT: 61, Bili T: 23,

Bili D: 20

- Créatinine: 92μmol/l, Urée: 0,21g/l

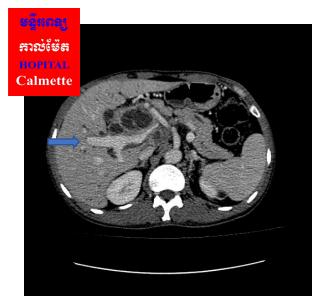
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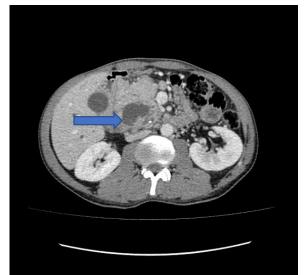
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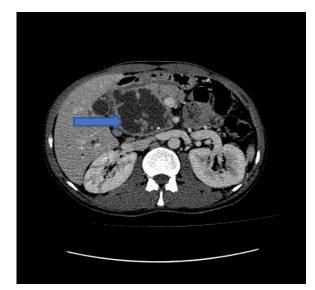
➤ Echo abdo: Suspicious of Pancreatic tumor BUT need to be confirmed by the CT Scann

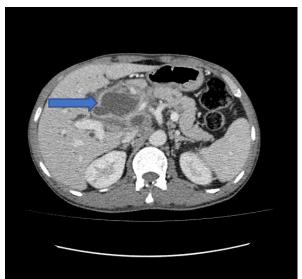


The abdominal CT Scann was done on 11/10











- 1. Head of Pancreas cystic tumor. Malignancy should be think of
- 2. Multiples lymphadenopathies coelio-mesenteric and liver





## **Head of Pancreas tumor**



## Treatment plan

- Multidisciplinary meeting between Surgeons, Infectious Diseases, Radiologist and Anesthesiologist to discuss about this cases.
- The meeting then decided:
- → Indication: Operation
- Infectious Diseases and Anesthesiologist requested to do more test before the operation
  - Chest X-ray (History of prolong fever plus Chronic smoking)
  - Sputum for direct smear and culture
  - EKG plus Heart Ultrasound (for the pre-operation test)



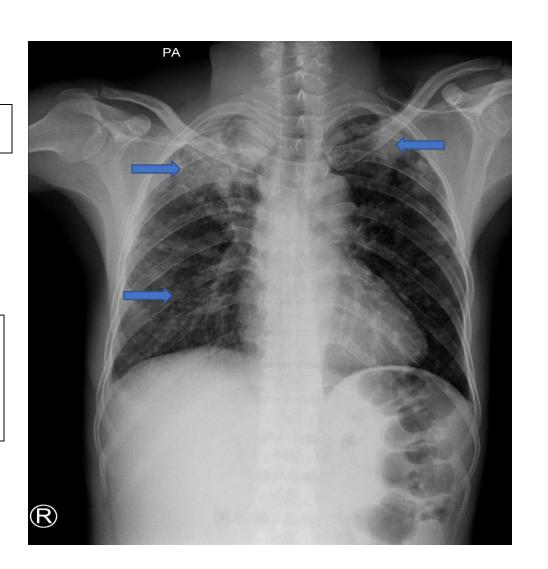
- Heart Ultrasound: normal

- EKG: normal

#### Chest X-ray on 12/10

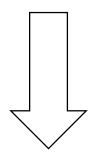


patient had a right apical opacity with multiple pulmonary nodules





## The patient was sent to the operation theater on 13/10



- Laparotomy
- Biopsy was done on the head of the Pancreas



#### Other Lab test result

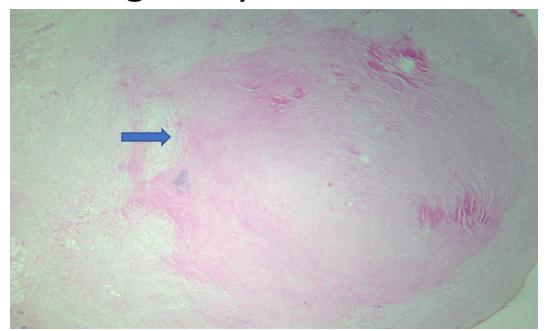
- $\rightarrow$  Sputum smear on (12/10):
  - Direct smear was negative
  - Gene X-pert (sputum): MTB positive
     No Rif resistance detected

- → HIV test was negative
- → Sputum culture then became negative



### Anatomopathology result: le 18/10:

- Nodule from lymph node and pancreatic shows with multiple caseating granulomas
- No other structure to be thinking of pancreatic malignancy.





## Our final diagnosis

**→** Pancreatic Tuberculosis confirmed by:

1. Sputum Gene X-pert (+)

2. The result of anatomo-pathology



### Treatment regimens

- Anti TB: IREP: 3-0-0 PO in 2 moths then switch to IR:
  3-0-0 (PO) in 4 other months
- Vitamin B1 B6 B12: 1-1-1 (PO)

#### Category1a (Adult) 2RHZE/4RH

Body Weight	Intensive Phase: 2months, daily	Continuation Phase: 4months, daily
in Kg	RHZE (150mg+75mg+400mg+275mg)	RH(150mg+75mg)
30-39	2 tablets	2 tablets
40-54	3 tablets	3 tablets
55-70	4 tablets	4 tablets
>70	5 tablets	5 tablets
Dosage/kg/day	R=10mg H=5 mg Z=25 mg E=15 mg	



## Patient return for the follow up (1 month later)

#### • Clinic:

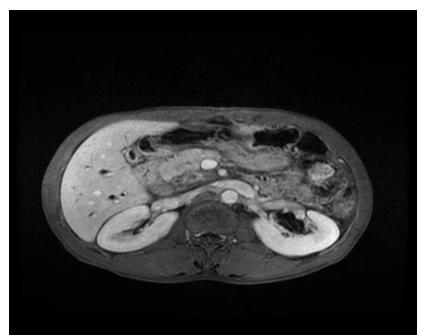
- Clinically improved with gaining weigh 3kg in one month
- No more fever, no more hemoptysis.
- No jaundice

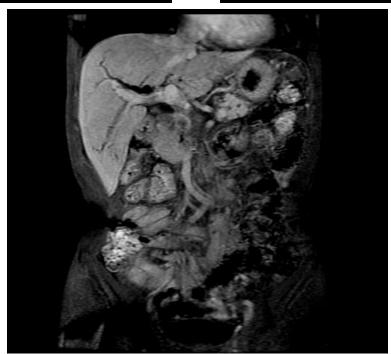
#### Other tests:

- Biologic: normal
- Sputum: direct smear negative
- Chest X-Ray: looks better

Billi-IRM was done and shows: pancreatic mass has decreased significantly in size.









## Literature Review

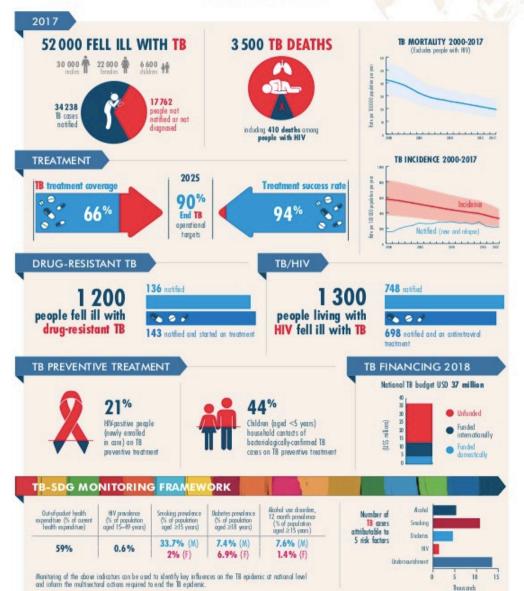








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#### La tuberculose pancréatique

CAS CLINIQUE

A propos de deux cas

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#### RÉSUMÉ

Nous rapportons deux cas de tuberculose pancréatique. Le premier malade se présentait avec des douleurs abdominales, un ictère cholestatique et un amaigrissement. L'échographie et la tomodensitométrie étaient en faveur d'une tumeur pancréatique. Chez la seconde malade, des douleurs abdominales sans ictère motivaient une tomodensitométrie abdominale qui mettait en évidence une masse pancréatique. Le diagnostic de tuberculose pancréatique était porté grâce à des biopsies péritonéales dans le premier cas et aanalionnaires dans le deuxième. Une dérivation bilio-digestive était réalisée chez les 2 malades. L'évolution était favorable chez le premier malade sous traitement anti-tuberculeux, tandis que la seconde malade décédait dans un tableau de choc septique. La tuberculose devrait être évoquée devant une masse pancréatique en pays d'endémie tuberculeuse et chez le sujet immunodéprimé. La biopsie écho ou scano-guidée peut conduire au diagnostic et éviter une laparotomie.

#### Conclusion

La TBP est une affection très rare qui prend le plus souvent le masque d'une tumeur pancréatique. Le diagnostic n'est posé le plus souvent qu'en per-opératoire. La tomodensitométrie abdominale est un examen essentiel, qui pourrait aider au diagnostic de TBP sur certains aspects très évocateurs, surtout en pays d'endémie tuberculeuse et chez les malades immuno-déficients. L'intérêt des biopsies percutanées ou des aspirations à l'aiguille fine, qui permettent parfois un diagnostic pré-opératoire, devrait être tempéré par le nombre non négligeable de faux négatifs et par le risque de dissémination tumorale.



#### Cases Journal



Case Report

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## Pancreatic tuberculosis with splenic tuberculosis mimicking advanced pancreatic cancer with splenic metastasizes: a case report YF Rong, WH Lou and DY Jin\*

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the involvement of pancreatic TB is rare. In 1944 Auerbach first reported TB mimicking pancreatic cancer [6]. He described 1656 autopsies of tuberculous patients and identified 297 cases of miliary TB.

The authors found between 1980 and 2002 that 50 cases of pancreatic TB had been reported. Thirteen of these cases were categorized as pancreatic

In conclusion, pancreatic TB is rare and the diagnosis is challenging. However if doctors are aware of its clinical features and conduct more diagnostic modalities including CT scan and ultrasound-guided FNA or laparoscopic biopsy, diagnosis of pancreatic tuberculosis without laparotomy is possible and the disease can be effectively treated with antituberculous drugs.

Once the tissue diagnosis has been made, the management of TB rest on the medical treatment. Medical management of pancreatic TB generally consists of isoniazid and rifampin, with pyrazinamide and ethambutol added

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#### Gastrointestinal

Gastrointestinal involvement usually occurs in the ileocecal, jejunoi-leal or anorectal area but has been described in the esophagus, stomach and duodenum. Hepatosplenic, biliary tract and pancreatic TB are described but are comparatively rare. Patients with ileocecal TB may present with clinical and radiographic features that are indistinguishable from those of Crohn's disease, such as chronic abdominal pain (up to 90%), constitutional symptoms and a right lower quadrant mass (25% to 50%). 147,148

Radiologic investigations for enteric TB can include barium assessment, CT scan and abdominal MRI studies. Radiographic features of enteric TB are nonspecific and difficult to differentiate from inflammatory bowel disease. Associated involvement of the peritoneum and mesenteric lymph nodes is more commonly seen in TB than in inflammatory bowel disease. It is important to assess for pulmonary involvement when considering the diagnosis of enteric TB, as up to 50% of patients with intestinal TB have evidence of active or inactive pulmonary TB on chest radiography. 149-152





Case report

Surgery

#### Pancreatic tuberculosis: a case report

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#### Discussion

Isolated TB of the pancreas is rare even in countries with a high prevalence of TB<sup>2</sup>. Bhansali et al. reported 300 abdominal TB cases over a 12-year-period, but found no pancreatic TB case<sup>3</sup>. The pancreas is biologically resistant to infection by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Possible mechanisms of involvement of the pancreas are as follows<sup>4-6</sup>:

#### Conclusion

Pancreatic TB should be considered in differential diagnosis of patients presented with pancreatic masses, especially in areas where TB is endemic. High index of suspicion, CT/USG FNAB is extremely important to make the diagnosis of pancreatic TB. The majority of patients respond well

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#### CASE REPORT

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#### Pancreatic tuberculosis in an immunocompetent young female

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- 1. Mostly occurs in young people, especially females;
- 2. Have a past history of TB, or come from an endemic zone of active tuberculosis:
- Often present with epigastric pain, fever, and weight loss;
- 4. Ultrasound and CT scan show pancreatic mass and peripancreatic nodules, some with focal calcification<sup>7</sup>.

In conclusion, pancreatic TB is rare and the diagnosis is challenging. However if doctors are aware of its clinical features and conduct more diagnostic modalities including CT scan and ultrasound-guided FNA or laparoscopic biopsy, diagnosis of pancreatic tuberculosis without laparotomy is possible and the disease can be effectively treated with antituberculous drugs.



#### Conclusion

- Pancreatic tuberculosis is a rare manifestation, which can occur in isolation or with disseminated disease.
   Symptoms are often nonspecific and clinical presentation may mimic pancreatic malignancy.
- The diagnosis of this disease could not be made without our good quality laboratory both anatomo-pathology and microbiology.
- The awareness of the physicians about using the lab ad how to collect the good specimens are also important part of laboratory.
- A good team work spirit in the work place is the key to success for helping improving the patient's health care.



## Take home message

# A good quality lab is very important!!

But without good quality specimens sending to them, there will be nothing at the end!!

- 1. Increase Lab quality and capacity
- 2. Increase Physicians knowledge (specimens collection, sending specimen to the Lab)





## Thank you for your attention

## Discussion

