Trichinosis of Psoas Muscle

Sir,

Reference case report ‘Trichinosis of psoas muscle’ published in the May 2002 issue of JAPI by Mohan et al. We would like to inform the authors and readers about a case of Trichinella myositis published by us 2 years ago, which we believe was the first case report from India.

Our patient, a 31-year old female from Garhwal hills presented with proximal muscle weakness. She was admitted with a diagnosis of inflammatory muscle disease and a muscle biopsy revealed numerous larvae of *Trichinella spiralis*. On direct questioning, the patient did give history of consumption of wild boar meat. Presentation as an abscess, as reported by Mohan et al, is certainly uncommon. We believe that underreporting is the likely major factor responsible for the ostensible rarity of Trichinella myositis in India. Reluctance on the part of clinicians to do muscle biopsies in all cases of myositis, unfamiliarity of the histopathologist with this parasite, and the non-availability of serologic tests for Trichinella, could be the other contributory factors.

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