Abstract

Pott's disease or spinal tuberculosis is a rare disease entity, representing 1% of all the organism Mycobacterium tuberculosis, a strictly aerobic acid fast bacilli which spread via respiratory route. Due to low incidence and wide array of clinical presentations Potts disease is frequently underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Here we report a case of 69 years old male presented with right sided empyema of lung and difficulty in mobilization for a period of 1 month. Initial imaging with chest radiograph and contrast enhanced CT of chest showed right sided lower zone lung empyema with possible TB spondylitis involving lower thoracic spine. Further imaging with MRI whole spine and ultra sound guided biopsy of spineconfirmed the diagnosis of Pott's disease.