Abstract

Typhus is a Rickettsial infection which has several subtypes. A sub type known as scrub typhus is more common in South Asia and Asia Pacific regions which caused by Orientia tstsugamushi. Pulmonary involvement in scrub typhus is seen in about 30%-60% of the cases^{1, 2}. It is more common in endemic areas where most of them get underlying pneumonitis without apparent clinical complications. Myocarditis is a known complication accompanying with pneumonitis in about 25% of the cases but usually not fatal³. Diagnosis of typhus is more frequent in the risk individuals in an endemic areas and the respond to sensitive antibiotics is dramatic. Clinical diagnosis of typhus is straight forward when the individual is from an endemic area with the presence of an Eschar. It can cause serious complications⁴ such as pneumonitis, myocarditis, encephalitis and multiorgan failure. This case report presents a case of typhus complicated with pneumonitis and myocarditis.