Abstract

Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis(HLH) is an aggressive, potentially life threatening condition which mainly affect infants, but cases in older children and adults have been reported. The presentation of HLH is characterized by prolonged fever, lymhadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, weight loss, rash, cytopenia, coagulopathy, altered liver functions, hyperferritinaemia, hypertriglyceridaemia and hypofibrinogenaemia. It is difficult to differentiate SLE from HLH as both the conditions have common clinical, hematological and biochemical features. I present this case of 38 a year old female who was diagnosed to have systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) presenting with an acute serosal flare up, complicated with HLH(Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis) and highlight the importance of timely diagnosis.